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THE BABBLER.

He Talks About You and the Things You Say and Do, in a Purely Personal Way.

BY MORRIS JONES.

The Babbler was puffing away contentedly on a long, five cent Havana smoker, and, as he removed the cigar from his lips and blew a cloud of anything but fragrant smoke into my eye, I coughed violently, and asked him: "What on earth is that you're inhaling—a package of cabbage?"

He grinned broadly and answered me:

"Now, times ain't any too easy, ol' pal, so I musn't economize on the weed thing if I want ter smoke at all. See! Savvy?"

I savvied.

"Well, what's new on the carpet?" I asked him, as he removed his plush coat and placed it over the back of the chair, first carefully patting the almost seal collar to smooth out the nap.

"I wuz trampin' roun' the Big Acme Building this morn, peekin' in on some o' the agents. They're a nice little bunch o' fellas, ain't they? Huh! They hand me more frows than any gang I've ever trilled with.

"Ye know that roly baby—the four hundred-weight kid—what is one o' the big perfumes in the garden o' weeds—Jerry Donovan? Well, if ye know him, ye also know that he is some lond explosion when it comes to swim bookin' again."

"What have Jerry done to you now?"

"O, personal he ain't hannded me anything, but the way he slips the projectiles inter the actor-folk huntin' his aid in gettin' en-gagements is enuff ter make a man wonder if there's anybody on the dead level in this man's burg."

"I know one o' his lieutenants, Joe Rose, a nice little chap, an' I dropped inter see Joe.

"I had to wait fer him, an' while sittin' there, tryin' to figger out how much Jerry had paid fer the green carpet on the floor, he walks a couple o' broliers who handed the main gazook, the head office boy, the mogul o' the works, an' said, which he flipped back at 'em, with the gentlemanly comment that there was nuthin' doin'."

"One o' the kiddies tried to start the question and answer thing with the noisy office lad, but he wouldn't unbend from his dignity, which seemed to hurt him a whole lot."

"Nix on the gab. Can the chatter. Bounce away—yer a rubber ball."

"I edged inter the meetin' be addressin' one o' the girls an' askin' her who she wuz."

"She eyed me very suspicous like for a minute er two, then answered me:

"We're a sister team—Gladys Grape and Vinie Vina."

"I followed the two out inter the hall and tried to find out from them what their kick wuz."

"The younger o' the juice sisters unfolded her heavy heart. Seems her an' her partner—course they weren't sisters, 'cept in name—had been playin' some small time in the middle West, an' after makin' good therer fer a couple o' seasons, thought they'd try their luck on the big street."

"They were referred to Jerry as bein' the king-pin o' agents—he wuz the nice little guy that could get 'em time, if any one could."

"So they looks up Jerry, an' by the exercise o' little currency work, beat their way inter 'em o' boy friends."

"That unname an' courteous business man listened to 'em for five minutes—because o' the introduction they bore, an' then shooed 'em out o' his office, after instructin' 'em to come back the next mornin', when he might be able to hand 'em somethin'."

"Next mornin' they were on the job bright an' early, an' caught ol' fancywest goin' in. They buttonholed the big boy, so he had to make a noise that he wuz glad to see 'em—when he wuzn't by any manner o' means."

"They blow into the very private office o' the agent, an' he takes his time 'bout gettin' comfortable fer work. He finally reaches in his desk an' takes out a weed, an' then swings 'round in his chair and faces the two expectant kids."

"So you want time, is that the idea?" he asks.

"Now, he knew an' the kids knew he knew that it wuz work they were after, but they filled in Jerry's bluff hand by sayin':

"Yes, Mr. Donovan, we would like a chance to show our act."

"Huh," replied Jerry. "So!"

"An' then he placed the tips o' his fat fingers together and assumed a look o' intelligence."

"Hum, hum!"

"Then he pushed a button an' the jolly young pirate from the outside department in, an' stands waitin' for the talk."

"Send this team over to Brooklyn nex' week."

"That wuz all. The chap who'd been instructed to bill them the next week grudgingly told them how they were to get to the theatre, but not a soul said anything about the bit o' gelt they were to pull down fer their share."

"Come in to-morrow mornin', were the partin' instructions, as the girls left the office. They went in the followin' mornin', all right, feeling pretty good with themselves."

"First flash cut o' the box, they wuz send a big document full o' wheretofore and hereinafter, and wheresby, an' would they sign on the bottom line."

"What's this?" asked one o' the girls, who hadn't quite lost consciousness.

"That's the contract between you an' Mr. Donovan," replied the guy, handin' em' a pen, all dipped in the life-or-death fluid. "Sign here, an' he indicated the spot with his first finger."

"I think I'll read it over first," said the business member o' the team. "I want to see what I'm signin'."

"O, all right," replied the chap, lookin' astonished that anyone could be so foolish as to want to read over a contract fer signin'.

"What's the idea? That's a regular contract. What d'ye want to read it for?"

"O, just as a matter of business," replied Miss Pert, folding up the lengthy document and tucking it away in her miniature suit case.

When she got home, she and her partner unlocked the document and read it over.

"Accordin' to the terms o' the paper they bound themsel's to work for nobody but Mr. Donovan fer ten years; an' furthermore agreed to divvy on their weekly stipend on a fifty-fifty per cent. basis."

"Nice, equal-sharing little contract, whereby the brollers would dance their very heads off and then, if not in a state o' nervous pros-

"An' since then," went on the kid, "we haven't been able to jimmy our way inter the sanctum—an' we're still waitin' fer work."

"An', believe me," said Pert-Face, "I never will get work if I have to sign my life away for the privilege o' bein' muscle bound, makin' fifty per cent. for a low-brow o' an agent."

"An' this kid whispered somethin' else ter me. She said as how she had been talkin' to a lot o' the other artistes what get their bookings through the friendly fifty per cent. assistance of Jerry Donovan, and they all,

"After findin' out the kind o' deal she had been offered by that heavyweight date-maker, admitted that their John Hancock were at-

NEW COLUMBIA THEATRE INSTALLS IMPERIAL CURTAIN.

Quite a few innovations have been installed in the New Columbia Theatre in recent days, among them the arrangements made to use only one curtain for fire protection and as an intermission drop.

The asbestos curtain which was painted and hung by the Imperial Curtain Company has been made to operate so easily that a linen curtain has been dispensed with.

The Imperial Curtain Company has achieved a great success in the painting of this artistic advertising curtain, which is a beautiful asbestos curtain, and rivals the best of the linen curtains.

HERMAN ROBINSON APPOINTED NEW YORK LICENSE COMMISSIONER.

SAMUEL PRINCE, DEPUTY COMMISSIONER.

Mayor Gaynor appointed Herman Robinson, general organizer for the American Federation of Labor, as Commissioner of Licenses.

In swearing in Mr. Robinson the mayor said to him:

"If all labor leaders had your silence, habit of thought and discretion, and always looked before they leaped, it would be well for all of us."

Mr. Robinson succeeds John N. Bogert, who has also been identified to a certain extent with organized labor.

Mr. Robinson is forty-six years old, and general organizer for the American Federation of Labor. He has had charge of the New York office of the Federation for fourteen years, and has been identified with organized labor since 1885. In his position as general organizer he is the personal representative of Samuel Gompers, president of the Federation.

In April, 1908, Mr. Robinson attracted attention by a speech he made at the Church of the Ascension in reply to the Rev. Dr. Alexander Irvine, at a Sunday evening meeting. Dr. Irvine attacked the position of organized labor in failing to participate in a demonstration at Union Square. Mr. Robinson vigorously defended his own position and that of his colleagues. As a result of his speech President Roosevelt invited him to the White House for a conference on labor subjects.

Samuel Prince, former president of the Central Federated Union, has been appointed as deputy commissioner.

LOCATION FOR LOS ANGELES ORPHEUM.

The new Orpheum Theatre for Los Angeles, Cal., will be modeled on the lines of the O'Farrell Street House in San Francisco. Morris Meyerfeld, president of the Orpheum Circuit and Realty Co., has effected a fifty year lease on the Los Angeles property, situated on Broadway, between Sixth and Seventh Streets.

The lot on which the new building will stand is 120 by 156 feet which affords plenty of space for the purpose of the theatre, and is one of the most centrally located in the city, being approached by car lines converging from all parts of the city.

It is expected to have the theatre ready for occupancy within six months, June 1 having been tentatively selected as the time for the opening.

VAUDEVILLE FOR SAN JOSE.

D. Calmy and M. Lebovitz, Los Angeles theatrical men, last week secured a six-year lease on the Garden Theatre, San Jose, Cal. The Garden is the largest theatre in San Jose, and the new lessees will use it for vaudeville after remodeling it at a cost of several thousand dollars.

The theatre has a seating capacity of 1,800, and will be supplied with opera chairs and renovated from top to bottom. There have been several unsuccessful theatrical ventures in the stock line at the Garden of recent years, but the present lessees believe that vaudeville will be successful. They have a chain of houses in California, and are planning to have several other theatres in the Northern section.

BILL AFFECTING THEATRICAL AGENCIES.

A bill affecting theatrical agencies which charge unreasonable commissions was introduced in the legislature at Albany, N. Y., by Assemblyman Green, Wednesday, Jan. 12.

The bill provides that theatrical agencies shall be under the jurisdiction of the Commissioner of Licenses in the cities of first class, and that a net fee of five per cent. shall be charged by such agencies. It also provides that a contract between performer and agent may be submitted to either the mayor or commissioner for approval.

The labor organizations of the State, and the Actors' National Protective Union are before the bill.

LUNA PARK, CLEVELAND, IN NEW HANDS.

Luna Park, at Cleveland, O., has passed into new hands, and will hereafter be directed by Chas. P. Salen. It will be materially improved, and many new features, including a big athletic field and show ground, will be added.

ELTINGE BACK WITH LAUDER CO.

Julian Eltinge has patched up his differences with William Morris, and will remain as a feature with the Harry Lauder Co.

ELIGE BOWEN.

Elgie Bowen, Augustin Daly's favorite baby actress, is now the prima donna of Henry W. Savage's musical success, "The Love Cure." All the years of her babyhood were spent on the stage of Daly's Theatre, and she grew up in the classic atmosphere of that famous home of the American drama.

When she commenced to mature her parents sent her abroad to study singing. After several years spent in Naples, Milan and Vienna she returned to this country, and her first engagement was as a soloist with Sousa's Band. It was during one of the concerts that Mr. Savage, manager of "The Love Cure," heard her, and by the peculiar instinct which has helped him to discover so many people of unknown talent, immediately engaged Miss Bowen for his new operetta.

She made so sensational a hit at the New York premiere in the New Amsterdam Theatre that Mr. Savage withdrew her when the company went on the road in order to prepare her for a new opera. His plans were changed, however, and Miss Bowen has been returned to the cast of the beautiful Viennese musical play.



TANGUAY REMAINS WITH ZIEGFELD.

F. Ziegfeld Jr. has re-engaged Eva Tanguay, for her twenty-six weeks would have terminated last Saturday night. She has been re-engaged as the star of "The Folies of 1900," and will continue with that company for the next twenty weeks.

Mr. Ziegfeld has also made a contract with Miss Tanguay for next season, and she will be starred under his management in a new musical piece, an adaptation from the French by Harry B. Smith.

LAURENCE IRVING, MANAGER.

Laurence Irving, now appearing in "The Affinity," intends next season to enter the field of American theatrical management.

He will be seen in America in a comedy of American life which he is writing, and in England next Summer he hopes to obtain the rights of several plays by English authors which he will jointly produce in America early next season with the Shuberts.

"It's a fine young game, isn't it?" said the Babbler, as he arose to go.

"I open an office and act as yer agent. Ye do mos' o' the work, an' I get fifty per cent."

"Some day some one'll land a wallop on the crowd o' lowbrows who deal in big percentages."

"Come in an' see me again," said Jerry, ushering them out o' the office.

"Then!" said the talking member o' the act.

"I learned that when we'd exited inter the hall from the outer office, Jerry followed us to the outer office and told the guardian angel on the job there that we weren't wel-

come visitors any more."

T. W. BARTER GOES TO COMEDY.

T. W. Barter has resigned as assistant treasurer of Weber's Theatre, New York City, to occupy a similar position at the Comedy Theatre, this city, succeeding H. A. Kramer.

G. P. HUNTELY TAKES A "FLIER" UNDER OWN MANAGEMENT.

Charles Frohman's contract with G. P. Huntley for his American season, in "Kitty Grey," having ended, and Mr. Huntley finding his new play for London not ready, he has decided to present "Kitty Grey" under his own management for a few weeks in Canada before returning to England.

NOTABLE PLAYERS OF THE PAST AND PRESENT

EDWIN BOOTH.

No. 4

Edwin Thomas Booth was the fourth son of the famous Junius Brutus Booth, and was born on his father's estate at Belvoir, Harford County, Md., Nov. 13, 1833, his father then being thirty-seven years old, and having been seventeen years an actor. Although college bred himself, the elder Booth bestowed upon this, his favorite son, scarcely more than a rudimentary education. Even as a boy the younger Booth was grave, thoughtful and reticent, and he may be said to have been connected with the stage almost since his childhood. As a "dresser" he accompanied his distinguished but erratic father on the latter's tours, and thus he early acquired an insight into the art in which he was later destined to shine so brilliantly.

His professional debut, according to his own record, which has been clearly verified, was made on Sept. 10, 1849, at the Boston (Mass.) Museum. On the stage of that old theatre he played, at brief notice, the not exacting but still useful role of Tressel, in "Richard III." The Richard being the senior Booth. Edwin Booth's first step was a safe one, apparently, for he continued to travel and play in his father's company for the ensuing two or three years. Among his roles during that time were Wilford, in "The Iron Chest"; Hemyne, in "The Apostate"; Jaffier, in "Venice Preserved," etc. A tour of California followed, during which the young actor and his brother, Junius, were members of their father's company. Their first engagement upon this tour was a successful one of two and one-half weeks at the Jenny Lind Theatre, in San Francisco. After this a brief visit was made to Sacramento, where failure resulted. In October, 1852, the elder Booth left his sons in California, and went to New Orleans, leaving that city for Cincinnati, and dying upon the steamer.

After his father's death Edwin obtained an engagement to play at Nevada and Grass Valley, during which time he first played Iago. He afterwards became a member of a company under his brother's management, to play until at the San Jose Hotel, where he made a success. Richard III.

In 1854, accompanied by D. C. Anderson and Laura Keene, he went to Australia, where he remained nine months, stopping to act at Honolulu, Sandwich Islands, on his journey homeward. Upon his return to San Francisco Catherine Sinclair (Mrs. Edwin Forrest) gave him an engagement at the Metropolitan Theatre, and later formed with him a partnership to travel. During this partnership they produced, for the first time in America, "The Marble Heart." Mr. Booth being the original Raphael. While engaged in these California tours Booth, training most of the time on horseback, visited mining camps, playing in the rough wooden theatres of that day, amid surroundings which, however humble, were the best to be had, and, in spite of these drawbacks, the genius of the young actor easily made itself manifest. It is not recorded that he made any money, but it is known that he triumphed with his rough audiences, and therefore we need not wonder that in a brief period his reputation extended eastward.

His re-appearance as a star in the Atlantic States was made in 1855, at the Front Street Theatre, Baltimore, Md. Later he visited Washington, D. C., and Richmond, Va., at the latter city playing under Joseph Jefferson's stage management, and first meeting Mary Devlin, who afterwards became his wife. He next started on a tour of the principal Southern cities, which he followed with an engagement at the Boston, Mass., Theatre, where he opened as Sir Giles Overreach, in "A New Way to Pay Old Debts." His New York debut was made on May 4, 1857, at W. E. Burton's Metropolitan Theatre (afterwards the Winter Garden), where he played Richard III, John G. Gilbert, Charles Fisher, Mark Smith, Dan Setchell and Lawrence Barrett were of the company which assisted Mr. Booth at this debut.

On Aug. 31, 1857, he again appeared at the Metropolitan, and in the Fall of the same year he visited the South and West, and for several seasons after he played in the South during the Winter. On July 7, 1860, he married in New York Mary Devlin, the young actress, who had retired from the stage in 1859, the marriage resulting happily. Already Edwin Booth was hailed as the most promising actor of the day. At Edwin Forrest's power was gained, the young Booth's increase, and for ten years thereafter he was in what has been justly regarded as his prime. He added "A Fool's Revenge" to his repertory, and later "Macbeth," "Hamlet," "Richelleu" and "The Merchant of Venice."

England, meanwhile, had learned of his admirable work, and from several sources he had received invitations to professionally visit the English metropolis. His debut was accomplished on Sept. 30, 1861, at the London Haymarket Theatre, where he played Shylock. That role proved to be an unhappy choice. The critical verdict was at best lukewarm, his visits to Liverpool and Manchester being equally unsuccessful. Mr. Booth and his wife remained, however, in England until Sept. 12, 1862, their daughter, Edwina, having been born at Fulham, London, Dec. 9, 1861.

Returning to this country, he made his home at Dorchester, his re-appearance upon the American stage occurring at the Winter Garden, this city, Sept. 29, 1862. During this engagement he gave a series of magnificent revivals of the standard drama, appearing with great success as Hamlet, Othello, Julius Caesar, Shylock, Iago, Richelleu, Macbeth, Romeo, Pescador, Sir Edward Mortimer and Don Cesario de Bazan. On Feb. 21, 1863, his wife died during his absence, filling engagements following which event he rested several months.

In October of the same year he, with his brother-in-law, John Sleeper Clarke, purchased the Walnut Street Theatre, Philadelphia, which they jointly managed until March, 1870, when Mr. Clarke purchased his partner's interest. On Aug. 18, 1864, he leased the Winter Garden Theatre for a term of years, his partners being John S. Clarke and William Stuart, the first season under the new management beginning Sept. 21, when Mr. Booth reappeared as Hamlet. On March 28, 1864, he acted "The Fool's Revenge" for the first time in this city, at Niblo's Garden, and on April 18 following he appeared as Raphael, in "The Marble Heart," for the first time in New York. During his engagement he acted several times for the benefit of the American Sanitary Fair, at one of these performances appearing in a production of "Macbeth," with Charlotte Cushman as Lady Macbeth. In the Autumn of 1864 Mr. Booth cast his first and only vote for Abraham Lincoln. On Nov. 25 of that year he played Julius Caesar with his brothers, Junius Brutus, Roebuck Jr. and John Wilkes Booth, in the cast, and the following night he entered upon the memorable run of "Hamlet" at the Winter Garden—a run that lasted one hundred consecutive nights, and that to day holds the American record for that play.

He was playing at Boston when, on April 14, 1865, John Wilkes Booth assassinated

ance of "Hamlet" at the Academy of Music, Brooklyn, on April 4, 1861.

Many proofs exist of Edwin Booth's nobility of soul. The quiet fortitude he displayed when forced to abandon his career by his brother's crime; the patience with which he endured the unjust but scarcely avoidable stigma which that deed placed upon his name, the rectitude of his own life, the melancholy which seamed his face, the dignity which marked his bearing, and the charity of his nature, all compelled sympathy and admiration. He made in the hour of his trials no appeal to the charitableness of his fellow men, nor did he need to, for the beauty of his life finally interceded not for charity, but commanded and obtained justice. He formed the Players' Club, and the municipality of his association will ever bear testimony to his generous impulses. On Dec. 1, 1888, during the last hour of that year, the club took possession of the building in Gramercy Park which, together with its furniture, rare works of art and costly decorations, was his generous gift. When financial disaster crushed his noble ambition, and his cherished plans for securing a theatre solely his own brought bankruptcy, he gave up his home with all it contained, and all that belonged to him, to reduce an indebtedness that yet remained appalling, and when success once more crowned his efforts, he paid his credits, and to our admiration for his genius was added respect for his honor.

In endeavoring to make a critical estimate of his genius and of his life's work, we are confronted with the illogical sequences of his career. Edwin Booth was not a scholar, neither was he a student. His achievements were not the results of earnest seeking, but of intuition. He was stirred or stilled by his surroundings, and it has been truly said that no one could form a just estimate of his power of portrayal of any of his roles without seeing several performances. Intelligence and zeal in those playing with him found in him a quick response and his

Joseph Evans, Brander Mathews, Charles Wheatleigh, J. S. Fries, Frank Cotter, E. A. Eberle, James Maude, George Howard, Andrew Boyd and William Davidge. Among the ladies in the church were: Clara Fisher Maude, Mrs. John Germon, Mme. Ponisi, "Aunt Louisa" Eldridge, Mrs. A. M. Palmer, Mrs. Sydney Rosenfeld, Lizzie Hudson, Emma Hudson, Dora Goldenthal, Rachel McCauley, Bijou Fernandez, Nelly Lingard, Della Fox, Emma Frohman, Percy Haswell, Hatthe Russell, Mrs. Berland Gibbs, Helen Russell, Eleanor Moretti, Helen Dauvray, May Brookyn, Lucy Lee, Kittle Rankin, Phyllis Rankin, Mrs. John Drew, Mrs. Sydne Darragh, Shannon, Mrs. E. F. Rider, Miss Arthur, Mrs. E. L. Ferguson, Mrs. R. Ogden Doremus, Minnie Madern Fliske, Mrs. Gilbert, Rose Coglan, Maud Harrison, Leonora Bradley, Mrs. Frank Cotter. In the church chancel was a lyre of roses, sent by J. L. Toole, Henry Irving, John Hare, H. Beerbohm Tree, Charles Wyndham, W. H. Kendal, George Alexander and Arthur Chudleigh. On one of the ribbons was the inscription: "From the actors of England to the memory of Edwin Booth. We all loved him."

EDWIN BOOTH'S FIRST AND LAST APPEARANCES.

The two appended programmes are interesting from the fact that they mark the beginning and ending of the professional career of Edwin Booth.

Programme of his debut:

BOSTON MUSEUM.
Tremont St. between Court & School Sts.

Museum open from 8 A. M. to 10 P. M. Exhibition Room open at 6 1/2 o'clock. Performances commencing at 7 1/2 o'clock. Admission to Museum and Entertainment, 25 Cents. Children under 12 years of age 12 1/2 cents. A limited number of seats may be secured during the day, at 50 cents each.

Stage Manager.....W. H. Smith
Musical Director.....T. Comer

FANCY GIRL WORKERS.
by Professor Cawley, who may be seen at all hours during the day and evening manufacturing Birds, Animals, Ships, etc., of variegated Glass. The specimens for sale.

Last Night But Three of
MR. BOOTH'S ENGAGEMENT.
Shakspeare's Tragedy,
RICHARD THIRD

DUKE OF GLOSTER.....MR. BOOTH
Positively last time this season.
Tressel, (his first appearance on any stage.)
Edwin T. Booth

The Popular FARCE.
SLASHER AND CRASHER.
PARTICULAR NOTICE.

A limited number of Family Slip Seats may be taken previous to the opening of the Exhibition Room, which will be retained one hour after the commencement of the Performance, at Fifty cents each. The Slips not so taken will remain in common with the rest of the seats.

MONDAY EVENING, SEPT. 10, 1849.
The performance will commence with the Overture, Zaira, arranged by T. Comer. After which will be acted (last time this season) the Tragedy,

RICHARD III.
Or, The Battle of Bosworth Field.
(By William Shakspeare.)

Duke of Gloster, afterwards King, Mr. Booth Tressel, (his first appearance on any stage).
Edwin T. Booth

King Henry 6th.....Mr. Whitman
Duke of Buckingham.....J. A. Smith
Duke of Norfolk.....Dassett
Prince of Wales.....Miss A. Phillips
Duke of York.....Miss Arville
Earl of Richmond.....Mr. W. H. Smith
Lord Stanley.....F. T. Tandy
Earl of Oxford.....Tooley
Sir William Catesby.....Muzzy
Sir Richard Ratcliffe.....Alken
Lieutenant of Tower.....Williams
Lord Mayor.....Warren
Sir Walter Blunt.....Howe
Tyrell.....Deering
Lords, Officers, Soldiers, &c., by Auxiliaries.

Queen Elizabeth.....Miss L. Gann
Lady Anne.....Mrs. Thoman
Duchess of York.....Mrs. Judah
Ladies.....Miss Bates, Mrs. H. Mestayer, Misses Simpson, Mrs. Carson, Vincent, Misses Whiting, Christie, etc., etc.

Hibernian Pas de Deux.....Miss Arville and Master Adrian
To conclude with (1st time this season) the excellent Farce.

SLASHER AND CRASHER.

Mr. Sampson Slasher.....Mr. Warren
Mr. Christopher Crasher.....Thoman
Mr. Benjamin Blowhard.....Curtis
Lieut Brown.....J. A. Smith
John.....Howe
Miss Dinah Blowhard.....Mrs. Judah Rosa
Tuesday—Shakspeare's Tragedy,

OTHELLO.

Iago, (for that night only).....Mr. Booth
Wednesday Afternoon—Three Popular Pieces.

Omnibusses. Hobbs & Prescott's Washington street line of Omnibusses leave the Museum every evening at the close of the performance. Fare 12 1/2 cents. Also Coaches for Roxbury.

Programme of his last appearance:

INAUGURATED TUESDAY, JANUARY 15, 1861.—THE BROOKLYN ACADEMY OF MUSIC, 31ST YEAR, 1861.

179 to 194 Montague St., adjacent to City Hall Square.

Older, Larger, Safer, and Superior in Every Respect to Any Other Theatre in the City.

E. A. Weir, Superintendent.

31st Season.....28th Week.
Col. William E. Sinn and Mr. Walter L. Sinn, Of the Brooklyn Park Theatre, Lessors and Managers.

Monday Eve., Mar. 30, and Saturday Mat., April 4, 1861.

Messrs. Col. William E. Sinn and Mr. Walter L. Sinn have pleasure in presenting for a limited engagement an Eminent Actor, Mr.

EDWIN BOOTH
Supported by Miss Gale and a Competent Company.

Theodore Bromley, Director.

In Shakespeare's Tragedy, Arranged in Six Acts:

"HAMLET."

Cast of Characters:

Hamlet.....Mr. Edwin Booth
The Ghost.....Albert Bruning
King Claudius.....Frederick Vroom
Polonius.....Benjamin G. Rogers
Horatio.....Benmont Smith
Rosencrantz.....John A. Las
Guildenstern.....Rankin Donald
Marcellus.....Edward Vroom
Bernardo.....George Hazelton
Francisco.....Herbert Pattee
Osric.....W. R. S. Morris
Priest.....Charles Rankin
First Actor.....G. Davidson
Second Actor.....James Taylor
First Grave-Digger.....Wilfred Clarke
Second Grave-Digger.....Frank Lodge
Ophelia.....Miss Gale
Queen Gertrude.....Anna E. Proctor
Player Queen.....Kath. Wakeman
Lords, Ladies, Officers, Soldiers, Pages, Etc.

EXECUTIVE STAFF FOR MR. BOOTH:

Business Manager.....Mr. Joseph J. Levy

Stage Manager.....Mr. Robert M. Eberle

Treasurer.....Mr. Joseph Anderson

Director of Vocal Music, Mr. W. R. S. Morris

ORCHESTRAL SELECTIONS.

By the Brooklyn Park Theatre Orchestra, Directed by F. W. Peterschen.

1. Overture—"The Temple of Momus," *Flotow*

2. Selections—"Poor Jonathan," - *Millock*

3. Scene et Arie—"Romeo and Juliet," *Gounod*

4. Selections—"Lothringen," - *Wagner*

5. Fantasy—"Faust," - *Gounod*

Dismissal—"The Star-Spangled Banner."

EDWIN ADAMS NEXT WEEK.

Songs and Singers.



CORINNE FRANCES,
Singing "I Could Learn to Love You," published by Leo Feist.



COURTNEY AND DUNN,
Featuring Harry Von Tilzer's latest song successes.



DONALD AND CARSON,
Singing F. A. Mills' publications.



BERTINA AND BROCWAY,
Singing "Scuse Me To-day," published by Chas. K. Harris.



BEBBIE BROWNING,
Singing Shapiro song successes



MAMIE CHAMPION,
Featuring "Oh, You Blondy," published by Jos. Morris Co.

HE'S A COLLEGE BOY

A Rattling Good March Song—tuneful, catchy and full of life. It brings you back to Rah! Rah! days, and makes everyone in the audience one of the boys.

Read the Chorus

He's a college boy, With his college walk and his college talk, That he's learned his college yel: Rah! Rah! Rah!

Girly shout for joy, Tho' he sets the pace that kills,

Father has to pay the bills Copyright 1909 Theodore Morse Music Co.

Life to him is like a toy, Because he is a college boy.

NOW COMES THE SONG NOVELTY. THERE ARE ALL KINDS OF RAGS, BUT NO IRISH RAG, SO GET THIS ONE

THAT GOOD OLD IRISH RAG

A Real Irish Rag-time "Come-all-ye"

OUR SPOT LIGHT HIT
"GEE! BUT IT'S TOUGH TO BE BROKE"

OUR KID HIT
"BOOBY"

OUR FLIRTING HIT
"JUST A LITTLE RING FROM YOU"

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CONCERNING

STAGE FOLK and Sometimes OTHERS

BY JOSEPHINE GEO.

For some seasons Wilton Lackaye had at one time been more or less identified with Semitic roles, making immense successes of his most natural portrayals of them, both by his ability as an actor and his very artistic make-up. In "Trilby" and "Children of the Ghetto" this was especially apparent. Some of the general public had even begun to be under the impression that the actor belonged to the tribe of Judea.

He was chatting with a friend near the theatre one night, shortly before a performance, while playing an engagement with the late Joseph Jefferson, in Chicago. An acquaintance of his friend chanced to be passing on his way to the box office of the theatre.

"Come here," he said. "I want to introduce you to one of the greatest actors on the American stage," and thereupon he made the actor and the Chicagoan known to each other.

"I'm more than happy to make your acquaintance personally, since seeing you on the stage," said the gentleman pleasantly. "Do you know, Mr. Lackaye, that I was going to-night especially to see your performance of Sir Lucius, in 'The Rivals.' I wanted to see how a Hebrew would portray the part of an Irishman."

The man's face was a study when Lackaye laughingly informed him that he was a Gentle of Irish descent. At the same time he hugged the flattering mention to his professional heart that he must be pretty good in his work to so create the illusion of his nationality.

"The telegraph profession lost an exceedingly expert and quick witted operator when George Boniface Jr. decided to follow in the footsteps of his father and take to the stage," remarked a friend of the actor to Channing Pollock, who repeated the incident connected with that important decision.

Young Boniface, who had about that time graduated from an electric school, had secured a position as operator at a small station on the Union Pacific Railroad. He and another young fellow, who had also been given a similar job, had traveled West as far as Omaha, where they stopped over for a day, to get instructions from the general office at that city. Seated at the same dinner table of the hotel was a rather unprepossessing individual, whose attire being of the "rube" sort, attracted the boys' attention.

They were of that age when young men are not particular to hide their amusement at anything appealing to them. On the contrary, they proceeded to indulge in some nonsense at the expense of the countryman, and at the same time making a display of their telegraphic ability. Messages to each other across the table concerning their table-mate flew back and forth through the medium of the Morse alphabet.

"Catch on to the guy," rapped Boniface on the side of his plate with his finger nail, clicking off the telegraphic taps.

"Yes," tapped back his friend. "See the zippers at the side of his face—can't you imagine the prairie winds blizzing through them?"

Meanwhile the stranger kept on quietly absorbing his food with his eyes on his plate. Then Boniface's knife got busy in contact with his butter-plate by way of quiet little taps.

"He's trying to see if he can find Hong-kong in that china," was the message in pun form.

"Just get on to his necktie," observed the young comedian's friend, tapping off the message with his fork; "the very latest in shoe-strings."

"Say, he'd cuss us if he knew we were discussing him," rapped Boniface, to which his friend replied by the same method:

"Yes, and there might be concussion of somebody's head by the percussion of somebody's fist if he were hellishly inclined and at all sensitive to criticism by strangers."

"I wonder where he belongs and what his trade is," ticked Boniface.

Suddenly the fork of the unpretentious individual under discussion descended upon his plate with a sharp sound, at which the young men concluded he was about to imitate them. To their amazement and subsequent chagrin the stranger then began slowly and distinctly to tick off a reply to the last observation:

"I was just about to introduce myself," tapped the fork. "I'm the chief operator of this division. You two facetious runts are discharged."

As explanations were absolutely out of the question, the young men went East on the

next train that left the city, and a few months later Boniface went on the stage.

Though a so-called "play" on words or phrases is sometimes far-fetched, it often reaches the mark. An instance of this was overheard at the Actors' Society reading-room the other day.

A member had taken down from the book shelves a volume of Eugene Sue's great work, "The Wandering Jew," when a friend, noting the title of the book, remarked that it recalled a little instance about one of James Forbes' most successful plays—a sort of a pun, as it were, on the title.

A couple of young Broadwayites standing on a corner of that Great White Way, in the vicinity of the Gaely Theatre, where it was having a long run, had been discussing the ubiquity of the Hebrew salesman throughout the country, and that by his shrewdness and ability to get trade, those of his race were gradually getting many places formerly held by Gentile salesmen.

"By the way," said one of them, "let's take in a show to-night—what do you prefer to see?"

"The Wandering Jew" will be a play to go to apropos of our present conversation," said the other, shrugging one shoulder and inclining his head in the direction of the illuminated sign, "The Traveling Salesman."

Ethel Barrymore has begun rehearsals of her new play, after a few months' vacation from the stage, during which a tiny son made his first appearance on the world's stage. This happy new mother will reappear in a new Frohman production, entitled "Mid-Channels."

Miss Barrymore, who married "out of the profession," has always been a great favorite in high social coteries, entertained and flattered far beyond her inclination for adulation. Like her father, she has repartee at her tongue's end, and many a bon mot has been repeated as having emanated from the Ethel Barrymore brain.

On one occasion when she was being entertained at a functional dinner, she was greatly annoyed at the profuse compliments and flattery of the young society man who sat at her side. Among the flowery phrases and declarations of admiration he made, was:

"Oh, Miss Barrymore, you're a perfect poem when you're acting!"

"Indeed," exclaimed the young actress. "But that's no great commendation to an aspiring actress, for, you know, verse is all feet."

And the young man took the next five minutes to figure out where he had failed to make an impression.

Smirl, the masculine acrobatic half of the clever performing team, Smirl and Kessner, once had an experience that, though amusing to the bystanders, cost him considerable money. He and some professional friends had been making a few cafe calls, and in one of them he got into conversation with an unassuming young man. It was "shop" talk, though the new acquaintance had apparently little to say, and Smirl filled in all the halts in the conversation.

"Say," he said, with great pride in his ability, "watch me; can you turn a flip like this—a front, single and backward on one and the same foot?" then suited the action to the word.

"I don't know," replied the stranger diffidently, "though I might if I had to."

"If you had to!" exclaimed the acrobat. "Watch this, boy!" thereupon he turned a clever and very difficult double. However, in doing it, the momentum of his turn dung his watch from his pocket. This \$150 time-piece struck the ceiling, then fell with a smash to the floor, completely disorganizing its works, while with it came a silver shower of half-dollars and quarters. The stranger helped to gather up the money, then as he handed it to Smirl he said:

"You're great! You're immense!" and the incident closed.

A few days later, when unexpectedly meeting the stranger in a gymnasium, Smirl said:

"Who are you, anyway?"

"Watch me," said the stranger in the same words Smirl had used previously.

He then began a series of kangaroo leaps, lightning fronts and backs, the methods of which are used by only two acrobats. One figure lands the acrobat apparently on the back of the head, the chance of a miscalculation being a broken neck.

"Ah!" shouted Smirl at this exhibition, "I know who you are—you're Seymour, of Seymour and Hill. Gee whizz! If I'd known that the other day, I'd be in a costly watch! I've certainly taken a tumble that beats anything I ever did."

"Yes," said Seymour, "it's as well to look before you leap."

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"THE GIRL IN THE TAXI" PRODUCED.

"The Girl in the Taxi," a three act farce adapted from the French, was presented for the first time in America on Jan. 12 at the Grand Opera House, New Haven, Conn., by Al. H. Woods.

New York's Gay White Way is the scene of the action. Carter De Haven and Adele Ritchie play the leading parts, and others in the cast are: Frederick Bond, John Glen-dunning, Jessie Millward, Morgan Coman and Max Freeman.

HENRY E. DIXIE IS NEXT ATTRACTION AT WEBER'S.

"The Goddess of Liberty" terminated its engagement at Weber's Theatre, New York City, on Saturday, Jan. 25. The house will remain dark until Thursday evening, 20, when Henry E. Dixie will make his metropolitan appearance in "Mr. Butties."

EMPIRE, DALLAS, IS NOW ORPHEUM, GIVING VAUDEVILLE.

The name of the new and beautiful little playhouse known as the Empire, Dallas, Tex., has been changed to the Orpheum, and, beginning Jan. 8 vaudeville is being offered instead of stock, which was in its second season when the change was made.

S. R. O. signs were in service at all performances on the opening day. The management remain the same—E. E. Belchis, manager, and R. P. Harris, treasurer.

"UNCLE" SUTTON INVADES SALT LAKE CITY.

"Uncle" Dick P. Sutton, the Montana theatrical king, has invaded Salt Lake City, U. S. He has obtained a long lease on the Grand, in that city, and intends organizing a stock company, rehearsals of which will commence immediately.

World of Players.

LEE PARVIN, business manager of "In Wyoming" Western company, under the management of H. E. Pierce & Co., writes: "I am glad to state that the present season, notwithstanding the many reports to the contrary, is proving one of the most successful I have ever experienced. Our business since we opened last August has been double that of last season, and the attraction seems to be in even greater demand than ever, although this is our second season over the Cort time. Managers all along the line inform me that it is seldom they have an offering that has given such universal satisfaction as 'In Wyoming' gave last year. While personally I would enjoy being back East again, there is a whole lot of consolation in the thought that your firm is richer by several hundred dollars on each Saturday night. We have with us this season Frank Patton, Frank B. Fanning, George C. Thompson, Bert Crowell, Dean Selah, Cecil Kirke, William Longstreet, Stafford Sites, Besse Fisher, Anna Gardner, Cora Bennett, Dorothy Lee and Charlotte Drew. Our route takes us due East from here, and before very long we will be on the Stair & Havlin week stands for the last four months of this season. Am glad to see THE CLIPPER so ably represented on the coast."

MRS. DALROY, of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dalroy, informs us of the death of her infant son. She writes: "My baby died on Christmas Day, as the clock were striking 12. He was the only child, and had always been well and strong until the week before his death. He was born March 26, 1909, at the Arlington Hotel, Findlay, O., and is buried in Union Dale Cemetery, Pittsburg, in which city he died."

BRUCE MILLER AND NETTIE DAVENPORT, both members of "The Girl and the Stampede" Co., were married on Jan. 5, at Eureka, Kan.

J. C. HUFFMAN, general stage director for the Shuberts, has returned from the West, where he saw Mary Mannerling, in "A Man's World." He took charge of the final rehearsals of "The King of Cadonia."

EDWARD A. REDDING, an actor, and Maude Truxy Miley, an actress, known on the stage as Maude Truxy, went to the City Hall, New York City, for marriage license, on Jan. 7, and after obtaining the papers asked for somebody to marry them. Alderman Smith performed the ceremony.

EDNA LOFTUS, an English actress, and Harry Rhelstrom, a wealthy young distiller, were married on Jan. 7, by Squire Wheeler, at Covington, Ky. The wedding followed a few hours after young Rhelstrom's release on a habeas corpus writ from the College Hill Sanitarium, where he had been confined in an effort by his relatives to prevent his marriage to the actress.

BESSIE HARTE-HAULD informs us that a divorce was granted her from Frank E. Head, by Judge Verne Davis, in New York City on Dec. 22. She was allowed \$15 a week alimony. Miss Harte was formerly with "The Merry Widow" Co. Mr. Head was lately musical director of "The Newlyweds."

R. ANNIE ARTZ AND ESTHER E. CARNES, both of whom are players, were married on Christmas morning, at Emanuel High Church, in Champaign, Ill. It was a very quiet wedding.

AMY AMES, famed in "character" parts, has been engaged by Liebler & Co. for the role of Mrs. Jeremiah Fogarty, in "A Certain Party."

THE EDDIE MANLY STOCK Co. reception and entertainment will be held at Saenger-bund Hall Jan. 28. Fred Sherline has charge of the arrangements. All performers are invited to attend, free of charge.

DAVE SEYMOUR writes, concerning "The Girl Question" Eastern: "A few advantageous changes have been made recently in this organization. Willie Dunlap, late of 'The Honeymoons,' is now playing the part of Con Ryan, and gives an artistic as well as humorous performance, and Alice May Sullivan and Ryan receive many encores for their singing and dancing. Lillian Loos gives a charming rendition of the song of Joe Foster, and Louise Auber is gaining honors nightly with her fine singing and clever dramatic work. Fox and Evans are doing a dancing specialty in act two, and it is one of the features of the performance. The tour of this organization from now on will be in the East, where the show is deservedly popular."

W. H. HARTIGAN, who has been playing a special engagement in "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde" with the Morgan Stock Co., terminates his engagement Saturday, Jan. 8, at La Crosse, Wis., in order to prepare his production of a similar play which has been written for him.

HERNST COOKE informs us that the "Human Hearts" Co. closed at Wichita Falls, Tex. Mr. Cooke has taken a lease of the Opera House, Port Arthur, Tex., and will run moving pictures and vaudeville.

HORTON of Jos. Hortiz Co., in "Fritz the Wandering Musician;" Jos. Hortiz, leads; J. Frank Wilson, heavies; T. Ramsey, character heavies; Wm. Innis, character comedy; M. T. Webb, characters; Anna Whitford, juvenile leads; Paula Burns, heavies; Bertha Bissell, character comedy; Little Valentine, child parts; "Bix" prize St. Bernard dog; Hortiz Amusement Co., sole owners; E. J. O'Brien, manager; C. C. Knapp, advance; M. T. Webb, stage manager, and F. Friend, carpenter.

AL. C. WILSON, of the Wilsons, writes: "We are now in our twenty-first week with C. C. Reno's 'Uncle Dan's' Co., this being our fourth season with Mr. Reno. We have been touring Alberta, B. C., Can., and the West, and business has been fine all along the line. We are now headed for the East. Mrs. Wilson is playing the soubrette lead and making good. I am playing one of the character heavies. We also introduce our act, which is as big a hit out here as it ever was in the East."

NOTES FROM THE MCDONALD STOCK Co.—Edwin A. James, wife Beatrice Darre, are with this company, which is now touring Canada and featuring Hazel McDonald in a repertory of new plays. This is the trio's fourth season with this company. Mr. James is playing the heavies, and Miss Darre second business. The company is meeting with great success everywhere, and is enjoying good business in this cold zero weather. THE OLD RELIABLE is a welcome visitor each week, although we get it somewhat late.



EDNA HARLAN.



GLADYS JACKSON.

The above is Mrs. William Gross, who is at present in vaudeville with her husband, the team name being William Gross and Gladys Jackson. Mrs. Gross started in the theatrical profession when she was eight years of age, at that time playing for her father. She was then controlling a circuit of vaudeville theatres known as the J. E. Jackson circuit. When she was twelve years of age she appeared with different repertory companies, playing small parts and changing her specialty nightly. She afterwards joined "The Matinee Girl" musical comedy company, with which she remained five consecutive seasons, playing both Winter and Summer. On April 12, 1909, she married William Gross, who was also a member of the above company. At present Mr. and Mrs. Gross are playing vaudeville dates throughout the South and Southwest.

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AUCTION SALE OF THE COLE BROS. SHOWS.

Letters to the Fiss, Doerr & Carroll Horse Co., from many prominent showmen, ready received, indicate that the largest gathering of showmen ever assembled will be at Corry, Pa., on Jan. 28, to attend the auction sale of the Cole Bros. Shows. It has been many years since there has been an auction sale of a show of this magnitude. That, coupled with the fact that the property is of the best, and the guarantee of the Fiss, Doerr & Carroll Horse Co., that the sale will be positive as advertised (in lots to the highest bidder), make it plain that there is an opportunity for some rare bargains. All of the leading lithographers and printers, as well as canvas makers, manufacturers and manufacturers of stage lights, mantles, etc., etc., having signed their intention of being present, and there is no question but what there will be the largest crowd of showmen and men who deal with showmen ever known in the history of circuses. Catalogues of the sale will be mailed to all showmen.

Notes from Al. F. Wheeler's New Model Shows.

With the advent of the new year things are beginning to hum around the Winter quarters of the "New Model," at Oxford, Pa. George W. Bernhardt has been engaged as master mechanic, and is already "building" on Jan. 28, to attend the auction sale of the Cole Bros. Shows. It has been many years since there has been an auction sale of a show of this magnitude. That, coupled with the fact that the property is of the best, and the guarantee of the Fiss, Doerr & Carroll Horse Co., that the sale will be positive as advertised (in lots to the highest bidder), make it plain that there is an opportunity for some rare bargains. All of the leading lithographers and printers, as well as canvas makers, manufacturers and manufacturers of stage lights, mantles, etc., etc., having signed their intention of being present, and there is no question but what there will be the largest crowd of showmen and men who deal with showmen ever known in the history of circuses. Catalogues of the sale will be mailed to all showmen.

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Peter Sun's Romance.

Peter Sun of the circus and theatrical firm of Sun Bros. figures in a Cincinnati romance. He fell in love with Vira Maddock, a pretty North Side girl who telephone operator at the Haydn Hotel. The dream of happiness has not been interrupted, and will continue in a wedding at the home of the bride-elect before January ends.

HARRY CURTIS will be twenty-four hour man with the Forepaugh-Sells Show next season.

MILLER BROTHERS, of 101 Ranch, have issued a challenge to Mexican cowboys for a roping and tying contest for \$1,000 a side. The Millers to be represented by five of their cowboys. The contest is to be held in the City of Mexico in February.

GEORGE ST. LAURENT, who is presenting an acrobatic juggling novelty in vaudeville, has an offer from the Sells-Floto Show for next season.

WILLIAM GOLLMAR, a brother of the Gollmar Brothers, but not interested in the circus in financial way, died recently at Baraboo, Wis.

RALEIGH WILSON, press agent with the Campbell Brothers' last season, is in Chicago, and will introduce crayon talks in vaudeville. His plans for next traveling season are as yet unsettled.

ARTHUR DAVIS will be steward with the 101 Ranch the coming season. He was in that position with Norris & Rowe during the season of 1909.

JOHN R. ANDREW, whose face is familiar around the ticket wagon of the Hagenbeck-Wallace Show, is now in Chicago, having closed his "A Breezy Time" company until a time when the one night stand cities look with more favor on traveling shows.

Olfan Re-engaged.

Al. Petrie Olfan, manager of the Three Olfans, has been re-engaged for next season as producing clown with the Barnum & Bailey Show, and will introduce some novel clown numbers.

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DRAMATIC.

C. M. C.—We do not know the present whereabouts of the parties. Address them in care of this office and we will advertise the letters in THE CLIPPER letter list.

J. N. Harlan.—"A Hot Time in the Old Town To-Night" was written by Theo. A. Metz, a man in 1886, while he was musical director of Melting Pot, Boston. Mirelles. In 1896 words were put to it by Joseph Hayden, and it was published in year of that year by Willis Woodward & Co.

O. L. B. Brockton.—Address T. H. Winnett, 1402 Broadway, New York.

E. J. Utley.—Watch your route list each week.

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P. D. S. Goshen.—We have not had the route of company since November.

"Montana"—Use C. Crook on B. flat corner.

J. McG., Fall River.—Address Frank Hayden, 163 West Twenty-third Street, New York or Wolff Trading Co., 65 Elliot Street, Boston, Mass.

O. N. W. Denison.—See answer to J. McG., above.

E. A. New York.—The titles were "A Milk White Flag" and "A Texas Steer." All the titles of Mr. Hoyt's plays began with the article A.

CONSTANT READER, New York.—Denman Thompson never played "The Old Home-stand" in the theatre you mention.

N. R., Omaha.—Address Bobby Gaylor, care of the White Rats, Grand Opera House Building, Chicago, Ill.

COOLNESS SAVES AUDIENCE.
AT TRENTON THEATRE FIRE JAMES CLANCY, TREASURER, AVERTS PANIC.

Word comes from Trenton, N. J., that the coolness of James Clancy, treasurer of the Trent Theatre, prevented a panic at the playhouse on Thursday evening, Jan. 13. It is estimated that when the fire started in the basement two thousand people were in the house.

Clancy calmly informed the audience from the stage that the theatre lights had become defective, and that the patrons who desired could get their money at the box office, and then signaled the orchestra, which started a lively tune. The audience left the place quietly.

The fire did only a little damage, but Clancy was none the less praised for his quick wit.

MAY BUILD NEW THEATRE IN BALTIMORE.

There are rumors of a new theatre of imposing character to be erected opposite Ford's Opera House, on West Fayette Street, Baltimore, Md., on the site now occupied by a saloon and bowling alley hall. Lewis Ring, a well known real estate dealer, who controls the property, declared last week that there is no option upon the property for such a purpose.

According to a rumor a syndicate which controls a high class vaudeville system is after the property. Mr. Ring said that while he thinks the site admirable for a theatre, and while he heard the proposition mentioned again, there has yet been nothing definite done concerning it.

GERTRUDE HOFFMANN TO STAR IN NEW REVIEW.

Gertrude Hoffmann will head a company of her own, under the management of Morris Gest, in a new review by Joseph W. Herbert, with lyrics and music by Edward Madden and Max Hoffmann, opening in New York on or about March 15.

Miss Hoffmann, according to advices from Atlantic City, N. J., made a sensation there last week in her new act, which has ten scenes, including the snake charming scene of Ruth St. Denis, with eight little Hindu snake charmers and Isadora Duncan's Danube Dance, which is performed by Miss Hoffmann, with the help of ten nymphs.

In the act there was shown a big tank scene in which Miss Hoffmann imitated Alberto Kellermeier. In this scene occurs a diving exhibition by ten shapely young girls. Miss Hoffmann later did Eddie Leonard's "Boo-Boo Eyes," and impersonated Ethel Barrymore, Eva Tanguay, Anna Held, Harry Lauder, Valeska Suratt, Alice Lloyd, George Cohan, Nola Bayes and Jack Norworth.

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The Six Musical Nossettes programme their musical act as a "picturesque idyl," and it is merrily miscalled for. For "A Gala Day in Old Seville" is one of the prettiest and most high-class vocal and instrumental acts that variante has ever had. There is not a dull moment in it, and the only thing about the specialty that occasions surprise is the great number of things that are accomplished in a very short space of time.

At the Fifth Avenue last week, it had a good place on the bill, and went through with a spirit and dash that piled one good thing right on the heels of another in such manner as to keep the audience always delighted, and always on the alert. An elaborate and nicely painted set showed a Spanish Seville, and the six members of the company, four girls and two men, were dressed in the most attractive kind of Spanish costume.

A medley of Spanish and Italian airs open the act, with Helen Murry winning special honors for her exceedingly good vocal work. Next comes selections on the trumpets, followed in turn by a saxophone quintette, a string trio—an especially delightful introduction—a solo on the cornet, and the viandionette and her band, which makes a "corking" closing number, the selections and their rendering being equally commendable. The Six Nossettes may figuratively pat themselves on their backs. They have a splendid act. It ran about eighteen minutes, on the full stage.

TOMA Hanlon.

If there are any clever "boys" around on the burlesque or vaudeville stages than Toma Hanlon the managers have not brought them to light as yet. At the Murray Hill last week, as the final number of the show, Miss Hanlon made a series of most graceful movements, well timed and the audience unanimously voted her a great "boy." She wears men's clothes with an ease and perfect freedom that is most effective, and the cut and hang of her apparel would make any good dresser stop and observe things.

Miss Hanlon is not a newcomer to town, by any means, but she has some new and bright songs, and seems to be a greater card than ever. "The Boys Have All the Best of It" was the first number, with the singer in pants sack suit. "I'm Mighty Glad I'm Livin'" followed, another well written and cleverly rendered. It carried across nicely. Miss Hanlon is in full dress during the singing of this song. "Gee, Ain't I Glad I'm Single," with its capital swing, was a big winner, and the fourth and final number, "I Joined the Army Just to Wear a Uniform" brought Miss Hanlon out in swell looking, neat fitting gray military garb.

There is no denying the fact that Miss Hanlon is an exceptional performer in the line. The act ran about fifteen minutes, on the full stage, and closing in one.

Dean Edsall and Company.

Dean Edsall and Company gave at the American, last week, a comedy sketch called "The Two Rubies," which has been given in New York in days gone by, if the writer's memory serves him right. Miss Edsall should have some sketch facets and get a new vehicle without delay. "The Two Rubies" has a very obvious story, the outcome of which can easily be told early in the proceedings, and it is only mildly amusing in spots. It tells of a wife's silly jealousy because she overhears her husband speaking of buying a ruby for "her," and as a letter signed "Ruby," sent to another man who bears the same name as the husband, falls into the wife's hands, settles things. Then the husband pretends jealousy in order to tame the wife. Miss Edsall looked very attractive in a pretty yellow gown, and she and Arthur Forbes acted the piece as well as could be expected, when the limitations of the roles are considered. About seventeen minutes were taken up on the full stage.

Harry Rogers, in "Told in a Flat."

Harry Rogers and his company played a little melodramatic offering at the American, Newark, N. J., last week, called "Told in a Flat," which recites in pulse quickening dialogue and with an ever watchful eye on the plot, a story of an adventure who is wanted by the police. Isaacs, a Jew detective, finally gets the evidence he is after and the woman is secured.

This story is told in ingenious manner, and there are many intense situations in it. The audience was interested in the plot and the players, and there was much favor shown the piece.

Mr. Rogers played the dual role of Hawkins, the thief, and Solomon Isaacs, a Jew detective, differentiating the parts with a skill which carried each portrayal to separate life. It was indeed commendable, and there was liberal reward for his efforts.

Miss Marshall played the adventures with John Roberts, as a detective, and W. Frances Clark, as a butler, also added. Mr. Rogers.

Sig. Marius Libby.

A well trained voice, if the possessor makes an intelligent selection of his songs, usually gets the ready ear of our show-goers, and as Sig. Marius Libby, at the Plaza last week, showed vocal training and the trend toward the more popular in his music, he held the interest.

His selections were nicely rendered, and there was a clear liking shown in them, but it is doubtful if the act is destined for any career of length, for there is nothing out of the usual in it. About ten minutes were taken up, on the full stage.

PITROT IN MORAVIA.

Richard Pitrot, after a trip through Russia, is at present in Moravia. At Aachen he will meet Sam Gumpertz, of Coney Island's Dreamland. His tour will include Denmark, Sweden, Italy, Spain, Holland, Belgium, France and England. Mr. Pitrot will establish a permanent office in Berlin for the Fantastci, located near the Wintergarten.

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B. K. Bimberg, of New York City, on Jan. 15, leased the Arcade Building, on Wyoming Avenue, Scranton, Pa., formerly used by the Lyceum Theatre as an entrance to that house. He will at once commence operations remodeling the place for the purpose of conducting a moving picture and vaudeville house, which will be known as the Empire.

The Empire will have a seating capacity of 500, and will be conducted on a plan of high class entertainment. During the summer it is proposed to present popular plays by a stock company, including in the cast Scranton favorites. In connection with this a roof garden will be operated, this being the first place of the kind in that city. The new house will be under the management of THE CLUB, and the club will have a seating capacity of 500, and will be conducted on a plan of high class entertainment.

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OUR LONDON LETTER

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

Clipper Bureau, 14 Leicester Street, Leicester Square, London, W. C.

JAN. 8, 1910.

For some time past the wildest rumors have been current and true. London, now no longer to your idea as "new," I have an old fashioned weakness for being sure of my facts. Roots of this column are not apt to find it behind the times with the genuine stuff, and in the meantime, what is here set down is definite and true. Changes in the vaudeville situation are inevitable, but to speak of such as Mr. Free having "acquired" the Barrasford halls, is ignorant nonsense. Nor has William Collins returned to his old position, or to any position, in the Stoll office. Barrasford's son, Charles, is still there, but that it is sheer wishfulness to speak of his "coming to business in a week or two."

William Collins, whose special work in the Gibbons offices was to operate the Barrasford bookings, has left, and is at the present moment unattached. George Barrasford, the younger son of Thomas Barrasford, who was also in the Gibbons offices, in the same interest, has left. That the Barrasford halls, as they are loosely called, will drift away from the Gibbons offices, is sure, and that some of them will go with the Cranbourne members of the family is probable. The halls have never been real concern of the Barrasford system with the Gibbons system—there could not be, for reasons which I will explain. And it may be that Gibbons has a good deal to think about just now. When he needed to finance his schemes, he went to resort to the Law Trust Co., and its difficulties will possibly hamper his operations. Then his wealthy co-director, Sydney Matter, is dead. As for the Barrasford halls, Thomas Barrasford's position was primarily that of exclusive booking agent, at a fee, for all the houses which his name was attached. Several of the halls are owned by absolutely independent companies, in which his interest is confined to his booking contracts. Some of the halls are unreservedly leased to him, and in some cases a partnership share was conceded to him. He once remarked to me that the strength, and also the weakness of his position, was that in fourteen undertakings he had fourteen partners, whom it would probably always prove impossible to induce to a genuine amalgamation. What is called Barrasford, Limited, is not, as some writers think, a proprietary concern—the "Barrasford chain of halls" of which have already drifted away. It is a stock corporation, formed to acquire Barrasford booking contracts, proprietary interests where they existed, and promotion schemes. It is probable that Mr. Free will take up the floating interest in this concern. A disintegration of the Barrasford-Gibbons compact might mean many rearrangements. Least of all would it be likely to mean that the strength, and also the weakness of his position, was that in fourteen undertakings he had fourteen partners, whom it would probably always prove impossible to induce to a genuine amalgamation.

John Lawson, the Forbes-Robertson manager, who lately arrived in London, fell ill immediately of rheumatic fever, but he is making progress.

When at the Criterion on Monday week, James Welch reproduces "When Knights Were Bold." It will register its one thousandth performance.

A. B. Cross, for many years a leading man in drama on the road and in the suburban theatres, died.

Hayden Coffey sails for South Africa today. He is to stay three months, playing in "Dorothy" and "The Golias."

Cyril Maude's appearance at the London Coliseum has suggested biographical research. When he left school he was a weakling, and on this account farming in Canada was selected for his career. Soon, however, he joined Bandman's company at Denver, Colo. The "Great" Macdermott, who seems to have applied to the Palace his remarks are especially unfair. Arthur Bourchier retorts that he never played to a more intellectually sympathetic audience. He says that Archer had better bring along with that national theatrope and fill it with poets and philosophers.

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A shameful hoax has been perpetrated on an Edinburgh audience. A show by "The Zanzibars" was expected to be sold out, but the performances were not taken place and the advertisements were never paid for. The impudent imitators of the name of the genuine Zanzibars, now in America, will be noted.

Frederick Villiers, the war correspondent, brings his illustrated lecture to the London Tivoli on Monday.

Eileen Terry, who takes a great interest in respect of invalids, George Graves has spent a few days on the sick list, but he is better now.

Lewis Waller has arranged with Captain Basil Hood for a stage version of Lytton's novel, "Paul Clifford." In this the situation of a judge appraised that a youth on whom he must pass sentence of death is his child, first occurs.

Charles Warren, of Witmark's, was duly

installed in the chair of the King Rat on Sunday last. With his first wife, Marguerite Plak (originally "Baby" Benson), he popularized burlesques of grand opera in vaudeville. He is now married to the clever performer, known as Rachel Lowe.

Victoria Monks was shaken up a little in a motor smash in London this week.

Little Bellman, formerly of Bellman and Moore, is again at the London Hippodrome with her own act. It is more effective than ever. Miss Bellman does her clever baby song, dances into good business, and, finally, with the aid of Barg Russell, a musical comedy caricature, caricatures the Merry Widow waltz to admiration.

"Johnny" Alexander, a well known vaudeville performer, thinks of retiring, so Cheshire and Joe Elvin have headed a committee to give the veteran a farewell benefit.

John Cleupert, a "handoff king," of Rosslan origin, sailed for South America yesterday.

May Moore Duprez did not intend to appear in pantomime this year, but the illness of Dan Jerome created a vacancy at the Grand Theatre, Glasgow, which Miss Duprez was hastily engaged to fill.

Clearly, Oswald Stoll was impressed by the work of the Great Raymond, for a tentative appearance at the Empire, Hackney, was promptly expanded to a tour which Mr. Stoll is diligently boomerang.

A party of entertainers on "Folly" lines, known as "The March Hares," come to the Empire on Monday.

A subscription ball, known as the Hippodrome Ball, as it is organized by officials of that house, takes place at the Princess Galeries on Wednesday. Many popular performers have promised to attend.

At the Alhambra, "The Heathen," a vastly amusing burlesque on the Vampire Dance, has been introduced.

Round William Archersattack on the music halls a furious controversy rages. Archer's expression of opinion seems to have been inspired by a visit to the Palace Theatre, and he was more distressed by the low intellectuality of the audience than enough else.

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A shameful hoax has been perpetrated on an Edinburgh audience. A show by "The Zanzibars" was expected to be sold out, but the performances were not taken place and the advertisements were never paid for. The impudent imitators of the name of the genuine Zanzibars, now in America, will be noted.

Frederick Villiers, the war correspondent, brings his illustrated lecture to the London Tivoli on Monday.

Eileen Terry, who takes a great interest in

respect of invalids, George Graves has spent a few days on the sick list, but he is better now.

Lewis Waller has arranged with Captain Basil Hood for a stage version of Lytton's novel, "Paul Clifford." In this the situation of a judge appraised that a youth on whom he must pass sentence of death is his child, first occurs.

Charles Warren, of Witmark's, was duly

OUR CHICAGO LETTER

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Society is turning out in full force at the Auditorium, where the Boston Opera Company is offering excellent music. The company is built on the right lines, and is intelligent and artistically directed. The changes for the coming week are: Bertha Galland, in "The Return of Eve," at the Great Northern; "Miss Nobody" from Starland, with Sallie Fisher and George Parsons, at the Princess; "A Little Brother of the Rich," at the State; "Der Kellar-meister," with Emil Berlin, at the Ziegfeld, and "The Girl in the Taxi," with Amelia Stone, at the Cort, and the usual weekly.

HAYMARKET (W. E. Newkirk, mgr.)—Bill week of 17 includes: Anna Laughlin, Warren and Blanchard, Tony Wilson and Heloise, Amorus Sisters, Anna Jordan and company, Prevost, Earl Flynn and Nettie McLaughlin, Mason, Wilbur and Jordan, and kinodrome.

STAR (T. J. Carmody, mgr.)—Bill week of 17 includes: Mr. and Mrs. Gene Hughes, Bissett, Scott, Cavana, American Newsboys, Four Musketeers, Margaret Williams and company, and Charley Miller.

ELIOT (W. Roche, mgr.)—"The Brand of a Thief" is always welcome to this house, and will be followed by "The Candy Kid" 16.

EUSON'S (S. J. Euson, mgr.)—The Gay Masquerade is the attraction that follows the Rose Hill English Folly Co. on 16. The cast includes Joe J. Sullivan, John F. McMahon and Florence Cushman, The Safety Co. 23.

FOLLY (J. A. Fennedy, mgr.)—The Big Review is playing to good houses, and will be succeeded by the Brigadiers, week of 16.

STAR AND GARTER (Wm. Beebe, mgr.)—The Star and Garter Show will be welcomed home to-night 16, in "The Fighting World," with fifty in the cast, including Murry Livingston and company, Ethel Kirk, Jack Conway, Robert Ellis, Harry Tyler, Gladys Crolius and the Tokio Japanese Troupe, Marathon Girls 23.

EMPIRE (I. H. Herk, mgr.)—The Jardin de Paris Girls are playing to favorable audiences.

NEW YORK JUNIORS follows week 16.

ALHAMBRA (Weber Bros., mgrs.)—The Gay Masquerade, with Demetrio the wrestler, continues to do good business.

STAGE AND SCREEN (W. E. Hart, mgr.)—The Stage and Screen will be welcomed home to-night 16, in "The Fighting World," with fifty in the cast, including Murry Livingston and company, Ethel Kirk, Jack Conway, Robert Ellis, Harry Tyler, Gladys Crolius and the Tokio Japanese Troupe, Marathon Girls 23.

BUSH TEMPLE (W. P. Shaver, mgr.)—Bill week of 16 includes: Leon Morris' trained ponies, La Belle Helen's greyhounds, Patching Bros., Bessie Browning and company, Will Hart, Florence Stanley and company, and Catherine Andrews.

PEKIN (R. Motts, mgr.)—Bill week of 16 includes: Great McGarry, Laurent Trio, Rickards and De Winter, Luigi Bros., Robt. Foss, and Denfeld and Lewis company.

GARFIELD (F. Schaefer, mgr.)—Bill week of 16 includes: Quaker City Quartette, the O'Toors, Donald Graham, La Mothe Troupe, and Eddie Lester.

VIRGINIA (J. V. Ritchey, mgr.)—Bill week of 16 includes: Delphino and Belmora, Mac Melbane and company, Raimond and Good, Haug and Quinn, and Aerial Sherwoods.

AFTERMATH (A. Oatman, mgr.)—Forty chorus girls, many attired in abbreviated costumes, lined fire escapes and halls, 13, during a fire which originated in the Richmond Hotel. All escaped without injury.

DAVID LANDAU is making a big reputation for himself in stock, at Los Angeles.

WILL J. BLOCH will be the impresario of the approaching musical variety revue which will take Hants and McIntyre out of the variety houses, and they will go co-starring in about three weeks, in Wilbur D. Nesbit's "The Gainsborough Hat." Bob Adams is composer of the

MOTION PICTURE NEWS

New Films.

Editor.

"A Woman's Strategy."—A clever girl discovers a thumb-print upon the wrapper of a bundle of bills which her lover is accused of stealing from the bank where he is employed. By an ingenious trick she discovers the real thief, upon whom she fastens the guilt at her lover's trial. Novel in theme and splendidly acted. An intensely absorbing film.

"Possum Hunt in Georgia."—A real hunt, carrying the audience through the woods and swamps of Georgia under the leadership of real negroes, who are entirely natural in their actions. The scenes are all by moonlight, and are indescribably beautiful. The last scene shows the darkies enjoying a feast of possum and tates.

"The Skipper's Yarn."—An old skipper recognizes among his crew a former shipmate, who, twenty years before, has fastened a crime upon him in the Orient which wrecked his life and lost him his sweetheart. The story of the crime is unfolded in the film, and at the close of the narrative the skipper dramatically denounces the guilty man before his mates. Superbly enacted and photographed.

Lubin.

"He Got Rid of the Moths."—Billy Barker finds that the moths have invaded the wardrobe. The evening clothes and other suits have great holes in the cloth. Barker demands the strongest moth-murdering medicine they have in stock. The clerk suggests a sulphur candle. He lights her a dozen.

"A Slippery Day."—The morning after the storm old Moneyton starts to walk to his office. He slips down the slight terrace, wading knee-deep in the snowy snow, aggravates the rheumatism, makes a little progress, when he slips and falls. The fall is in part due to his efforts to dodge a visitor from the rural districts who is coming the other way. Presently he falls again and this time he carries two young women with him in his descent. They pull him with snow. A policeman takes him into custody for assault, but Moneyton is unable to keep on his feet, and carries the policeman with him in some of his falls. The officer then lets him into a snowbank and leaves him there. Moneyton goes on his way down the street, spreading havoc and devastation, until at last he is seen crawling on all fours back to his own domicile.

"The Usurper."—Francis Scott, a lonely old bachelor, dies, leaving his extensive fortune to his nephew, Richard Kirby, a California. Dick is delighted with his good fortune, even while he mourns the death of his uncle. He is engaged to Anne Marlowe, a fellow clerk in the offices of Fern & Company. Bert Humphreys also loves Anne, but he is addicted to drink, and his familiarity is resented by Dick, who tipsily seeks to steal a kiss from the girl. Bert plans with some of his cronies to abduct his prospective rival, and with the papers of identification goes to New York and represents himself as his heir. Dick, bound hand and foot, is held a prisoner in a cabin in the woods. Bert has no trouble in usurping Dick's place with the law firm, and begins to spend money royally. The men indulge in a drunken quarrel while Dick has his bonds loosened that he may eat, and with quick action the prisoner overcomes his jailers, secures their revolvers and escapes. He arranges with the manager of Fern & Co. to accompany him to New York, where he denounces the usurper. Dick and Anne, re-united, plan a speedy marriage.

Selig.

"An Afternoon Off" shows the various ways of enjoying a few days' recreation. "Devil, the Servant and the Man."—A man surrounded in home by a wife and children. He is infatuated with another woman, and although warned, persists in neglecting his home. In a dream the devil shows him at a gay ball with another man. He is about to kill himself, when the servant stays his hand and shows him his wife asleep behind a screen. Repentance and reform follow.

"The Ranch King's Daughter."—Bessie, the rancher's daughter, has two suitors, one a good foreman of the ranch, and the other a rustler. His ill-success causes him to be seduced and forced to leave the Indian stockade. A thrilling rescue after a running fight and final safe arrival home, with retribution to the rustler, causes many exciting scenes.

"His Vacation."—A clerk gets a vacation. His wife puts him to whitewashing, washing clothes, cutting the grass, taking up the carpet and beating them, fixing the stove pipe. After a day's rest at home he cuts short his vacation and gladly returns to work at the office.

Essanay.

"An Outlaw's Sacrifice."—This Western story tells of an outlaw who sacrifices his freedom and gives up the girl he loves to spare her and her parents from being turned out of their home.

"The Modern Messenger Boy."—In the excitement of his duties, Issy buttons a lady's garters, is dragged through the mud by a bull dog, makes the four-footed beast at a banquet, according to the whims of a baby, entertains a girl to a party, and protects her from insult, guides an old maid to the address she is looking for and makes a good day's wages.

Film Scenarios Writers.

When such writers as Richard Harding Davis, Rex Beach and Elbert Hubbard, the latter having just closed a contract with the Selig Polyscope Co., Inc., Chicago, to make an extensive and elaborate film production of "Justinian and Theodora," turn to this writing field, it is evident that a market for their compositions is clearly demonstrated to the minds of the semi-skeptical that the "survival of the fittest" will maintain its time honored position.

The advent of such writers in this new department not only assures us better subjects, higher themes and more elevating pictures, but an increased popularity throughout the country, but that they are now finding themselves confronting a new era in amusement reviews.

Referring back to Elbert J. Hubbard for the benefit of those who are not familiar with this fascinating writer we wish to mention him as the editor of *Fra Magazine*, *The Philistine* and many other well known periodicals, as well as being on the regular contributing staff of papers in New York, Chicago and San Francisco.

Moving Picture News in Philadelphia.

The old Columbia Theatre, on Third Street, near Green, has been re-opened as a moving picture house.

The Unique, the big moving picture house at No. 1219 Market Street, closed down last week and will be remodeled into a retail store.

Releases.

LICENSED FILMS.

EDISON.—Jan. 18: "In the Nick of Time," military drama, 975ft.; Jan. 21: "The Coquette," drama, 495ft.; "The Luck of Roaring Camp," drama, 490ft. Jan. 23: "A Woman's Strategy," drama, 975ft.; Jan. 28: "A Georgia Possum Hunt," descriptive, 140ft.; "The Skipper's Yarn," drama, 950ft.

LUBIN.—Jan. 18: "He Got Rid of the Moths," comedy, 540ft.; "A Slippery Day," comedy, 520ft.; Jan. 24: "Upid, D.I.S.," comedy, 356ft.; "Adoring an Ad," comedy, 520ft.; Jan. 27: "Marble Quarrying in Tennessee," educational, 530ft.; "The Flirtor Maniac," comedy, 400ft.

GAUMONT.—Jan. 18: "Fatal Fascination," drama, 580ft.; "Getting Square with the Inventor," comedy, 393ft.; Jan. 22: "Saved by the Deep," drama, 975ft.

URBAN-EXPLORER.—Jan. 18: "The Coast Guard," drama, 745ft.; "Riva, Austria, and the Lake of Garda," scenic, 294ft.

ESSANAY.—Jan. 19: "Won By a Hold-up," comedy, 629ft.; "Flower Parade at Pasadena," Cal., scenic, 232ft.; Jan. 22: "The Confession," drama, 960ft.; Jan. 26: "The Modern Messenger Boy," comedy, 540ft.; Jan. 29: "An Outlaw's Sacrifice," drama, 580ft.

SELIG.—Jan. 17: "A New Divorce Cure," comedy, 1,000ft.; Jan. 20: "The Contship," Miles Standish, Jr., "The Ranch King's Daughter," drama, 540ft.; "The Devil, the Servant and the Man," drama, "An Afternoon Off."

PATHE.—Jan. 21: "The Painter's Sweetheart," drama, colored, 525ft.; Jan. 22: "A Russian Heroine," drama, 761ft.; Jan. 24: "Aerobatic Colibris Dwarfs," educational, colored, 574ft.; Jan. 26: "Motherless," drama, 1,047ft.

Release Days.

LICENSED FILMS.

EDISON.—Tuesday and Friday.

PATHE.—Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday.

LUBIN.—Monday and Thursday.

KLEINE.—(Gaumont and Urban) Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday.

VITAGRAPH.—Tuesday and Saturday.

SELIG.—Monday and Thursday.

ESSANAY.—Wednesday and Saturday.

GAUMONT.—Friday.

BIOGRAPH.—Monday and Thursday.

INDEPENDENT.—

IMP.—Monday.

POWERS.—Tuesday.

CENTAUR.—Thursday.

NEW YORK MOTION.—Wednesday and Sunday.

PHOENIX.—Saturday.

COLUMBIA.—Tuesday and Friday.

AMBROSIA.—Wednesday.

ATLANTIC PHONE CO.—Wednesday.

GREAT NORTHERN.—Thursday and Saturday.

EXCLUSIVE.—Thursday.

PANTOGRAPH.—Friday.

Edison Notes.

In "A Japanese Peach Boy," scheduled for release Feb. 1, we shall have the pleasure of welcoming the reappearance of that wonderful pantomimist, Mlle. Pilar Morin, of "Comedy and Tragedy" fame. The Edison Company announces the subject as a children's fairy story as well known in Japan as "Cinderella" and other nursery tales are in America. It has been prepared for Edison production by the charming actress herself. In the unfolding of the story she enacts two parts, appearing first as the mother of the "Peach Boy" (so named because of the circumstances surrounding his entrance into the world) and later on as the boy grown to young manhood.

Sales Manager John Peizer, and Traveling Representative F. H. Stewart, of the Edison Company, were in Philadelphia during the week of Jan. 10, demonstrating the company's splendid new improved model "B" Kinetoscope. Exhibitors were quick to take advantage of the opportunity to see the new machine in practical demonstration, and the several exhibitions arranged for it were well attended. The machine was as expected to give an excellent impression, the superior quality of its projection being the subject of much flattering comment.

White Philadelphia Messrs. Pelzer and Stewart began their second and last week.

TREMONT (John B. Schoeffel, mgr.)—"Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm" commenced its third week.

BOSTON (Frohman, Rich & Harris, mrs.)—"Bright Eyes" began its fourth and last week.

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PHILADELPHIA (John C. Frohman, Rich & Harris, mrs.)—"The Girl from Rector's" began its third week.

PARK (Frohman, Rich & Harris, mrs.)—"The Man from Home" began its third week.

CASTLE SQUARE (John Craig, mgr.)—"1915" commenced its fourth and last week.

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BURT AND LOIZIE WALTON, Hammerstein's.
ATWOOD AND TERRY, Plaza.
SPINK AND LYNN, Alabamra.
HERBERT CLIFTON, Alabamra.
ADELAIDE RICE AND COMPANY, Alabamra.
MACKENZIE, GILDED GLOBES, Fulton.
AULIN'S JUGGLING GIRLS, Fulton.
HALE AND DALE, Fulton.

COURT DECIDES IN MRS. DAM'S FAVOR.

"The Heir to the Hoosah" Case Won by Her.

On Jan. 12, in the United States Circuit Court of Appeals, a decision was reached in the suit which Henry J. W. Dam, writer, who has since died, brought four years ago against the Kirk La Shelle Theatrical Company, when it was producing "The Heir to the Hoosah."

The decision holds that the infringement of the copyright consisted of the use of the names of Mrs. Dam's story by Paul Armstrong.

As compensation for the infringement, the court adjudges all the play's profits to the author of the story, saying that while his name at first unjoined, the author of a story could not prove how much he was damaged or how much of the profits he deserved. Neither could he follow the theatrical company all over the country, seeking relief through injunctions. The decision says that making the author's name countable for all damages was the only way to give copyrighted but unremunerated books and plays a right from being unremunerated. The complainant was entitled to recover the sole profits from the play, according to the remarkable decision.

It appears that Mr. Dam wrote a short story called "The Transmigration of Iban" some years ago. Mr. Dam sold it for \$80 to "The Smart Set," which copyrighted and printed it. At a theatre later, Mr. Dam declared, he was surprised to recognize his little story in Paul Armstrong's play referred to as "Hoosah." Mr. Dam got "The Smart Set" to assign him the rights in the copyright. When he started suit against the Kirk La Shelle Company after Mr. Dam's death the suit was carried on by his widow, Dorothy Dorr.

COLUMBIA, SAN FRANCISCO.

New House Opened Jan. 10, with William H. Crane.

The new Columbia Theatre, San Francisco, Calif., which opened Jan. 10, with William H. Crane in "Poker and the Boys," is a class structure and represents an investment in around and building of more than \$300,000. The front of the building is finished in granite and terra-cotta, and the large lobby is finished in white stone. Separate entrances lead to balcony and gallery.

The theatre stands in the heart of the new shopping and hotel district, one block West of the St. Francis, and is approachable by convenient car lines from all parts of the city, being located at the corner of Geary and Mason Streets.

There are only eighteen rows of seats on the first floor and a spectator in the last row sits in only 15 feet of space from the footlights thus. The seating capacity of the lower floor is only 572. No points will interfere. There are six boxes on each side of the stage.

A brief annex faces Mason Street. It is luxurious in its appointments like a modern hotel, and contains twenty dressing rooms, commodious, well lighted and comfortable. It has well equipped rooms for the chorines.

The stage is the largest in Frisco. It is 45 by 97 feet, which makes it nearly as large as the stage of the old Grand Opera House, and of ample size to present the most elaborate scenic productions.

HENRY LEE AT THE NEW YORK THEATRE.

On Sunday night, Jan. 10, Henry Lee presented "The Life of the World" at the New York Theatre, and at 10:30 p.m. in the city, to a good-sized audience. The programme included a lecture, impersonations and motion pictures, and proved to be novel and enteraining.

Mr. Lee's assistance supplied the various sounds that would be the natural result of the action shown in the pictures. Automobile horns, telephone, dashing waves, the stamping of soldiers and other noises and sounds accompanied pictures at appropriate times and lent a remarkable realism to the scenes.

In his impersonations of great men, past and present, Mr. Lee showed George Washington, Mark Twain, Richard Croker, Andrew Carnegie, Shakespeare, Charles Dickens, King Edward VII, Emperor William II, Bismarck, Major Albert Dreyfus, Char Nicieza, Tolstoi, Pope Leo XIII, Ex-Sultan Abdul Hamid, Lord Roberts, Theodore Roosevelt, Rudyard Kipling, Mikado of Japan, Hon. Jim. Cannon, Abraham Lincoln, President Taft, Mayor Gaynor.

In his tour of the world, Mr. Lee carried his audience through scenes in New York City, Ireland, Scotland, England, France, Russia, Italy, Egypt, India, Japan, Manila, Honolulu and America.

SAMIA, WHO WOHNST DU? CELEBRATES 125th PERFORMANCE, WITH ADOLFE PHILIPP IN LEAD.

Adolf Philipp, the well known German-American actor, playwright and singer, who, with his clever company is appearing at the Wintergarten, "Samia Schwarz Adler" on Eighty-sixth Street, New York City, near Lexington Avenue, celebrated, on Tuesday evening, Jan. 10, the one hundred and twenty-fifth performance of the French vaudeville, "Alma Wo Wohnt Du?" by Paul Bervo, with music by Jean Berger, which has been running night and day at the Wintergarten.

The German version of this musical play by Adolf Philipp, who also plays the leading role with much success.

RUTH ST. DENIS' NEW DANCES.

Ruth St. Denis returns to New York on Monday, Jan. 14, when she will open in a series of matinees, beginning on that day and continuing on the following Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, in her repertory of Hindu dances, to which, since her last appearance in this city, she has added several more, the most noteworthy of which is enacted in an Indian garden.

KARLENE MARTIN INJURED.

Karlene Martin, one of the misses with Lola Fuller, was blown from her feet and against an iron railing at Twenty-fifth Street and Broadway, Sunday night. When picked up she was suffering from concussion of the brain and other injuries.

EZZA KENDALL CLOSES TOUR.

The Ezra Kendall Co., playing "The Vinaigrette Boy," closed suddenly in San Francisco, Cal., after its engagement at the Savoy, week ending Jan. 1. Most of the company came on East.

SAN FRANCISCO.

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK CLIPPER.

COLUMBIA.—Second and last week of Wm. H. Crane.

VALERIA.—Second and last week of Olga Nethersole.

SAXON.—"Brewster's Millions."

OPHEUM.—Week of 16: Eight Geisha Girls' Cleopatra's Burlesque Circus, Brown, Harris and Brown, Doherty Sisters, Arturo Bernardi, Willy Panzer company, Una Clayton, assisted by Francis Morley and company, Mr. and Mrs. Frederic Voeker, kinodrome.

PRINCESS.—"Higgledy Piggledy" and "The College Widower."

WISDOM.—Week of 9: Delmonte and Lee, George Whitham and Flo Gordon, Bill and Spivany, Jimmie Hall, Wilson and La Monte, the Kitchen de Ville, Wigwamograph.

THEATRE.—Week of 9: Mackay's Comedy Circus, Le Brun Grand Opera Trio, Traitor and Lala, Robich and Children, Brothers Whitman, Gertrude Van Dyke, Ray Fern, monologues.

AMERICAN.—Week of 9: Six Melvilles, Sida, Mrs. Dean and company, Myrtle Byrne, George Wood, Hoy and Moran, Mr. and Mrs. O'Brien, motion pictures.

CHUTES.—Week of 9: Princess Irene and Harry Fox, Fox and Farrow Circus, Budd Mills and Mounton, Three Musical Millers, Gaines and Brown, American biography.

NOTE.—On Sunday, Dec. 26, a christening party, consisting of Signor and Signora Eugenio Bianchi Jr., whose little daughter, Carmelina, was to be christened on that day, accompanied by relatives and friends, proceeded to the Church of Notre Dame des Victoires, where the ceremony was performed by the Rev. Dr. Joseph F. Sollier. The rich and elaborate dressing of the little girl attracted a deal of comment and admiration. The parents of the young actress are very countable for their social standing. The father's parents were the Signor and Signora Stanislao, famous Italian operatic singers. Signor Bianchi is well and favorably known in dramatic and lyrical circles.

SHUBERTS QUIT WILKES-BARRE.

Last Friday night, Jan. 14, with the production of "Marceline," with Louisa Gunning, the Shuberts brought to an end their efforts to provide first class theatrical amusements in Wilkes-Barre, Pa. On Monday, Jan. 17, the Grand Opera House will be turned over to a stock company that will play at popular prices.

LAW AGAINST EMPLOYMENT OF CHILDREN ON STAGE.

The Supreme Court of Massachusetts recently decided that the law forbids the employment of children under fourteen in that State at any kind of work between 7 at night and 6 in the morning. This decision makes it necessary for Frank C. Gillette to pay a sum of \$50 for unlawfully employing Arturim Sheetz, 9, and Grace Koen, 10, in speaking parts, with their parents, who are actors, on the stage of the Majestic Boston, during a night of an engagement last Saturday.

The defendant contend that the law applied only to employment in factories, workshop or mercantile establishments, and did not apply to theatrical exhibitions. The court held that one employed as an actor in a speaking part is "at work" within the meaning of the statute, and that "work" does not merely apply to factory, workshop or mercantile places. The child labor committee of Boston claims that the nervous strain, combined with late and irregular hours, tends to wreck the physique of the hardest child.

MAXINE ELLIOTT PRESENTS "THE INFERIOR SEX."

Maxine Elliott made the first production on any stage at the Royal Alejandro Theatre, Toronto, Can., on Thursday evening, Jan. 10, of "The Inferior Sex," a three act comedy by Frank Stayton, an English writer.

The hero is a woman hater who has taken refuge from the opposite sex by spending all his time aboard his yacht. He amuses himself by writing scathing articles concerning women. Finally, a woman, who has been cast adrift in an open boat, is brought aboard his yacht in an unconscious condition. She soon dominates the situation and has him at her feet.

Miss Elliott, Arthur Byran and O. B. Clarence did most commendable work, and advises state that the production was especially noteworthy, two of the acts showing the interior of the yacht's cabin, and the third the deck.

AMUSEMENT ASSOCIATION OF MASSACHUSETTS FORMED.

An association has been formed and duly incorporated under the laws of the State of Massachusetts, known as the "Amusement Association of Massachusetts."

The charter members are as follows: Nat Burgess, James McDonald, Walter E. Greene, Cornelius H. Buckley, Silas T. Bunce, Arthur C. Millet, John E. Koen, Arthur G. Carter, George A. Copeland, Charles T. Webster, J. Henry Sorel, Napoleon L. Demara, John W. Barry, Frank J. Howard, Nathan F. Gordon, Charles F. A. Smith, George F. Washburn, Nathaniel N. Brooks, Louis Rosenbaum, Arthur E. Lord, Ernest T. Horstmann and Rufus D. Munson.

Charles F. A. Smith, secretary, is located at 40 Federal Street, Boston.

SISTERS MCNELL TO HEAD OWN COMPANY.

The Sisters McConnell are considering three offers for next season to head their own stock company, of which they will be two-third owners. Only the very best of standard plays will be presented.

The girls have proved box office winners and have become established throughout the different territories.

NEW OPERA HOUSE IN BERLIN.

The Berlin Opera House, Berlin, Pa., is about completed, and will be opened in four weeks. The house is built of concrete, and will seat 800. It will have a stage 40x30, and steam heat and electric lights. Abby Dively is the manager, and John Negrotto, scenic artist. Berlin has been without an opera house for four years, and this next little theatre will fill a long felt want.

GEORGE M. COHAN WILL REST.

It is in the intention of George M. Cohan to retire from "A Yankee Prince" Co. after the show finishes its Detroit run, Jan. 20-22.

Mr. Cohan will rest, and intends to sell his interest in the show.

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SMALL GETS OTTAWA GRAND OPERA HOUSE.

A. J. Small has taken over the Grand Opera House, Ottawa, Can. The house opened under his management Jan. 1, with "The Volunteer Organist" as the attraction.

NEW MAJESTIC, EVANSVILLE, NOW GIVES SEVEN ACTS.

The policy of the New Majestic, Evansville, Ind., was on Jan. 16, changed to seven attractions instead of five, and three performances daily gave way to two. Manager Raymond went to Chicago to arrange the details.

OLD LINN MUSEUM, BUFFALO, FOR VAUDEVILLE.

Mitchell H. Mark and H. J. Brock have obtained a five year lease of the old Linn Museum, at Washington Street and Broadway, Buffalo, N. Y. They will remodel the building and conduct a vaudeville entertainment there.

MARIE TEMPEST TO SING FOR ACTORS' FUND.

Marie Tempest, who is to begin a tour through the country with "Penelope" on Jan. 24, will return to New York this spring and appear at the Actors' Fund Bazaar before she returns to London. At the benefit performance Miss Tempest will not act, but will sing.

NEW THEATRE FOR BURLINGTON.

Manager J. M. Root, of the Garrick Theatre, Burlington, Ia., has acquired an option on ground in that city. A new Garrick will be built this year.

KEELY & LEVY SENDING OUT "MOLLY BAWN."

Keely & Levy, of New York City, are sending on tour through New York State and Pennsylvania, Marie Doran's newest version of the "Duchess" novel, "Molly Bawn." The production will be first class in every respect.

FROHMAN'S EAST SIDE THEATRE. Manager Plans for Drama at Fifty Cents.

Charles Frohman left New York last week for Cleveland, where, at the Euclid Avenue Opera House, he will devote all of this week to the rehearsals of Billie Burke, in "Mrs. Dot."

Mr. Frohman gave out some of the details of his plan for an East Side theatre, which will be popular priced; its plays will be contributed without royalty by playwrights such as J. M. Barrie, Bernard Shaw and Henri Bernstein. Nothing higher than fifty cents will be charged for a seat. The theatre will be on or near Livingston Street, where Mr. Frohman now has under consideration a structure that can be easily converted into a good sized theatre. It is hoped to be in complete operation next September. The house will be called the East Side Theatre.

GABALOGUE.

DEAR BUNCH:

"I laid off recently in St. Louis, and there was any number of good shows in town and we took in the most of them. There was a dandy bill at the Columbia Wheelock and Hay opened with some very clever bicycle stunts. I worked with Hay at Meyer's Lake Park, Canton, Ohio, some time ago, when it was Uncle Hay's Park."

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INSPIRATION OF THEATRES ORDERED.

Fires Commissioner Wald has put Chief Croker of New York, in charge of the Bureau of Inspections and Auxiliary Fire Appliances, and has ordered Chief Croker to make an inspection of one of all theatres, moving picture houses, music halls, and other places of amusement.

It is said that this may result in the closing up of some amusement places.

THE CLIPPER IN THE LAND OF ICE AND SNOW.

Hess and Gibbs send us the following letter from Cobalt, Ont., Can., under date of Jan. 14:

"Just a few lines to say we are now in our tenth week on the Canadian time, and meeting with great success. Our act, 'The Twentieth Century Comedians,' is well liked, and we have booked several return engagements to fill in our time, working back to good old New York. Just now we are pretty full up here in the world, so it seems away up here Northern Canada, with 35 degrees below zero. You can imagine our surprise while out for a walk yesterday, to see hanging in a window, alongside of Cobalt's leading newspaper, 'The Cobalt Nugget,' a copy two weeks old, of 'The Old Reliable.' Needless to say we immediately purchased same, regardless of age, and hastened to our room to read the news. I tell you it makes a performer happy to secure a copy of 'The Old Reliable' at any time, especially when he is buried away in the land of ice and snow. Keep up the good work. The Clipper is everywhere, and that is one of the many reasons it continues to remain America's leading theatrical paper."

A FRAUD PERPETRATED ABROAD ON THE ZANGIES.

A daring fraud was recently perpetrated at Edinburgh. An elaborate entertainment was advertised for the Albert Hall, the Zangies heading the bill. The man who took the bill was paid off from the Zangies. On the first night the bill was packed, but a telegram of apology was read from the stage purporting to come from the Zangies, stating that owing to illness their company would not be able to appear.

As the Zangies were the star turn, free passes were distributed for a future date. The lesees was pressed for his rent, and later it was discovered he had defamed with the takings. About half a dozen performers were stranded.

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OUT OF TOWN NEWS

CINCINNATI, O.—The Olympic has reduced the admission at Sunday matinees performances from 50 to 25 cents.

GRAND OPERA HOUSE (J. H. Haylin, mgr.)—An audience of 1,000 on Jan. 17, in "The Awakening of Helena Richter," Grace George 21.

LYRIC.—Blanche Bates opens 17, in "The Fighting Hope"; "The Rose of Algeria" 23.

OLYMPIC (Geo. F. & Luella Forough-Pish, mgrs.)—Forough Stock Co. is to stage "The Spiders" 16; "Girls" 23.

WALNUT STREET (Anderson & Ziegler, mgrs.)—Charley Grapewin 16, in "Above the Limit," Ward and Vokes 23.

OPHEUM (L. Martin, mgr.)—Sidney Drew and company 16, in "When Two Hearts Were Won"; Others: Jack Terry and Mabel Lorenz, Havana 16; The Four Ralphs, Marshall and George Pantzer, Four Stagpoos, Marshall and King, Maud Glenmoyer and Raymond Marion, Cartmell and Harris, and Fred Nibley, The Orpheumacope pictures. Business good.

COLUMBIA (Anderson & Ziegler, mgrs.)—Will M. Cressy and Blanche Dayne 16, in "Bill Birkin's Baby." Others: Gus Edwards' blonde typewriters, with Joe Keno; Mabel Barlow and company, Israel Butler and Edward Bassett, Five Avolos, Wynn and Lee Little, Any Butler and her four comedians, Cunningham and Morton, and Maudie Pantzer and Harris.

HARLEM OPERA HOUSE (Houck Opera House Co., mgrs.)—Young Buffalo in New York 16, "The Brand of a Thief" 23.

LYCEUM—Holden Stock Co. will revive "Ten Nights in a Bar Room" 16.

NEW EMPRESS (D. S. Wiley, mgr.)—The Free Setters Quartette, a Cincinnati organization, heads the bill 16, with Frank Porte and company, C. M. Blanchard, in "A Christmas at Higgins'" 21; Scott and Wilson, Hugh Emmett and company, and Smirl and Kusser. Empressee.

PEOPLES—Pat White's Gaiety Girls 16, the Gaiety Girls follow 23.

SHAWARD—Merry Whirl 16, Star and Garter Girls 23.

NEW ROBINSON (Harold G. Moran, mgr.)—Lou Naden, Horn and Horn, National Dancing Co., Princeton and Yale, and Kladn Bros. arrive 17. Motion pictures and Gertrude Keshawn, in illustrated songs. Big houses.

AMERICAN (Harry Hart, mgr.)—Lucille La Tour, Phyllis Lee and company, in "College Pranks;" Chester and Jones, William Shilling, Martines and Langdon, Billy Burns, Wagner and Gray, and Billy Ray and Albert Dastington, motion pictures.

AUDITORIUM (George Brester, mgr.)—The Heidelberg Four were the last headliner. George Muder's act was featured. Motion pictures.

CLEVELAND, O.—Opera House (A. F. Hartz, mgr.) week of Jan. 17. Jas. K. Hackett, in "Samson," in "A Gentleman from Mississippi" week of 24.

COLONIAL (F. O. Miller, mgr.)—"Just a Wife" week of 17; William Faversham, in "Herod," week of 24.

KELTH'S PROSPECT (H. A. Daniels, mgr.)—Prospect Players, week of 17.

LYCEUM (Geo. M. Todd, mgr.)—Bert Williams, in "Mr. Lode of Coal," week of 17; "Lena Rivers" week of 24.

CLEVELAND (G. M. Todd, mgr.)—"Monte Cristo" week of 17; "The Phantom Detective" week of 24.

KELTH'S HIPPODROME (H. A. Daniels, mgr.)—Week of 17; Billie Hill, English Folly Co., "Love and Temptation," week of 17; Gay Masqueraders week of 24.

NATIONAL (The Al. Korn, Temple of Shrine presents Rhoda Royal Two Ring Circus, at Central Armory, week of 17. The cast includes: "Omar," Nelson Family, Stevens Family, John Agee, Tyrell Julian Stevens, Bartick Troup, the Brachards, Mile Mile Nadié, "The Jersey Girl."

COLUMBUS, O.—Southern (Al. Wiswell, mgr.)—"Miss Patsy" Jan. 20-22.

COLONIAL (J. V. Howell, mgr.)—Mary Manning, in "A Man's World," 17-19; Blanche Ring, in "The Yankee Girl," 20-22.

KELTH'S (Wm. Proser, mgr.)—Week of 17; Chip and Marble, "Swat Milligan," Juggling Normans, Four English Rossbuds, Harry Web, Subers, Conley and McBride, Gordon, Edfield and company, and the Photographe. Business good.

HIGH ST. (C. Harper, mgr.)—"St. Elmo" 17-19; "Checkers" 20-22.

GAYE (H. W. Rogers, mgr.)—Jack Singers' Bohemian Show 17-19; Harry Hastings' Big Show 20-22. Good business.

PRINCESS (Harry Grey, mgr.)—Week of 17; Arthur Guy's Minstrels to give an entire show, to conclude with the latest moving pictures. Business good.

COLUMBUS (Thompson Bros., mgrs.)—Week of 17; James Rose, the Werners, Rube Bowser, Isabelle Le Blair, Leo Monroe, the Robinets, and moving pictures.

SPRINGFIELD, O.—Farbanks (Harvey A. Ketcham, mgr.)—G. P. Huntley, in "Kitty Grey," Jan. 21; "A Stubborn Cinderella" 22.

GRAND (Springfield Theatre Co., mgrs.)—M. M. Morrison 19.

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MOSCOW'S BURBANK (Oliver Morosco, mgr.)—Stock company, in "The Heart of Maryland," 9.

GRAND OPERA HOUSE—Ferris Hartman and company, in "Woodland," 16.

UNIQUE—Earl Ranworth Co., in "Brown's Troubles," moving pictures and illustrated songs.

FISCHER'S—A Day at College," motion pictures and illustrated songs.

WALKER—"One of the Fold" 10-15.

OLYMPIC—"The Belle of Boston" 10-15.

OPHEUM—Orpheum Rose Show 17-19, and week with the "Great Divides" 24-29.

BON TON (T. W. Jenkins, mgr.)—Moulin Rouge Burlesques 17-19; Empire Burlesques 18-20.

ACADEMY (F. E. Henderson, mgr.)—Moving pictures and illustrated songs and variety.

UNION (C. Malise, mgr.)—Week of 17; Union and Shultz, Rita Reynolds, McKeever, Diana Brandon, Pat Long, Danny Dole, Eddie Missel, and Higgins, Fay, Two Clemen and Fay, Four Readings, motion pictures.

LYRIC (Harvey Meyers, mgr.)—Week of 17; Clifford and Clifford, Eddie Henshaw, Macie Sibley, Annie Jones, Illustrated song singer, and moving pictures.

CLIQUE (Harvey Meyers, mgr.)—Week of 17; Clifford and Clifford, Eddie Henshaw, Macie Sibley, Annie Jones, Illustrated song singer, and moving pictures.

REGAL THEATRE—Vaudeville.

CINEGRAPH—Vaudeville.

WINNIPEG, CAN.—Walker (C. P. Walker, mgr.) "The Soul Kiss" Jan. 17-19.

SHAWARD (Edgar Hodder, mgr.)—Week of 17; Mildred and Rosalind 20-22; "Under Southern Skies" 24-26.

NEW BROADWAY (W. McCallum, mgr.)—Fine business continues. Week of 17: Hilda Thomas and Lou Hall, Fox and Ward, Hap Handy and company, Moore and Phillip, Connally Sisters, Wright and Derbrick, Kita-Tanzan Troupe.

NOTES.—Ed. Shaw, property man of the Broadway Theatre, has met with great success, receiving new members in this city for the "M. A. T. Club." Advertisers, present the Palace Hotel, has joined as one of the latest recruits, being accepted as an honorary member. The Alpha Minstrels, a local organization that have made quite a hit, have been booked as an added attraction on Feb. 12.

PATERSON, N. J.—Paterno (M. W. Taylor, mgr.)—Empire (A. M. Biaggio, mgr.)—Week of 17; "The Convict's Daughter" Jan. 17-19; Mildred and Rosalind 20-22; "Under Southern Skies" 24-26.

DOMINION (W. B. Lawrence, mgr.)—Week of 17; Chevalier Alexandre Canaris, Cooper and Primrose Sisters, Dora Peletier, assisted by Chas. Messinger; Bert Lennon, June McCrea and company, Grace Hazard, Morris and Morris, kloklugraph.

BROTH (Geo. F. Case, mgr.)—Louis Gerth and company, Edwin Winchester, May Naunary and company, Helen Carmen, "Phantasmagoria."

VON ERNST VON FERBER, (mgr.)—"Dr. Diphle's Retreat" 17-22.

MONTREAL, CAN.—Princess (Geo. F. McLeish, mgr.) Maxine Elliott Jan. 17-22; Dockstader's Minstrels 24-29.

BENNETT'S (Geo. Driscoll, mgr.)—Week of 17; Doherty and Harlowe, Fadettes, Farrelly-Taylor Trio, Grigoriatti's Aerial Ballet, Lovenberg's Neapolitans, Dick Lynch, Frank Wilson, Bernice Zinnell and Boutelle, Zay Holland Electra, Tom Maloney, Baker, Devoy and company, Oshansky and Clemenco Brothers.

LYRIC (G. S. Riggs, mgr.)—Moving pictures, Illustrated songs and variety.

HUDSON, UNION HILL—Week of 17: Eight Madcaps, Earl and Curtis, Elizabeth Kennedy and company, Tom Smith, Rayno's acrobatic dogs, Kaufman Brothers, Sados, and Frost Brothers.

NATIONALS (Geo. Gauvreau, mgr.)—"Les Filles du Forest" 17-22.

LONVILLE, KY.—Macaulay's (John T. Macaulay, mgr.) "A Gentleman from Mississippi" Jan. 17-19; "A Woman's Way" 20-22.

MASON (Chas. A. Shaw, mgr.)—Blanche Ring 17-19.

AVENUE (Frank Shriner, mgr.)—David Copperfield" week of 16.

MARY ANDERSON THEATRE (Jas. L. Weed, mgr.)—Joseph Hart's Bathing Girls, Schrode and Mulvey, Patsy Doyle, Tom Waters, the Thalia Quartette, The Two Rackets, the St. Louis Knights, and the Klondike Brothers.

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BUCKINGHAM (Horace McCroddin, mgr.)—The Tiger Lillies week of 16.

HOPKINS' (E. W. Dustin, mgr.)—Moving pictures succeeded melodrama at this house week of 9, and proved popular.

NOTES.—The moving picture theatres report unusual good business since the holidays. All of them vie with each other in presenting one or two features to attract the public. . . . Edward McDonald, a boy who did solo work with Al. G. Field's Minstrels is home for a short rest.

HOBOKEN, N. J.—Gayety (Chas. Franklyn, mgr.)—The Golden Crook Jan. 17-22, Oh! You Women 24-29.

FAIRCHILD DRAMA (Edmund G. Price, mgr.)—West of 17; De Anza and company, Alvado and Othello, Zinnell and Boutelle, Zay Holland Electra, Tom Maloney, Baker, Devoy and company, Oshansky and Clemenco Brothers.

LYRIC (G. S. Riggs, mgr.)—Moving pictures, Illustrated songs and variety.

HUDSON, UNION HILL—Week of 17: Eight Madcaps, Earl and Curtis, Elizabeth Kennedy and company, Tom Smith, Rayno's acrobatic dogs, Kaufman Brothers, Sados, and Frost Brothers.

BUCKINGHAM (Horace McCroddin, mgr.)—The Tiger Lillies week of 16.

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WASHINGTON, D. C.—At the New National Theatre (W. H. Rapley, mgr.) this week: "The Twins," "The Merry Widow" Jan. 21-31.

COLUMBIA THEATRE (Fred G. Berger, mgr.)—This week: Henry Miller's Company, in "The Servant in the House," Robert Hill Hard, in "A Fool There Was" 24-31.

BELASCO THEATRE (L. Stoddard Taylor, mgr.)—This week: Jefferson De Angelis, in "The Beauty Spot," Eleanor Robson, in "The Dawn of a Tomorrow," 24-31.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC (J. W. Lyons, mgr.)—This week, "Broadway After Dark," 24-31.

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MAJESTIC THEATRE (Frank B. Weston, mgr.)—This week: The Three Demons, Frazee Bros., Mlle. Valeska, Clark Felgate, and moving pictures.

NEW LYCEUM THEATRE (Eugene Kerman, mgr.)—This week, the Yankee Doodle Girls, Town Talk next.

GAYETY THEATRE (W. S. Clarke, mgr.)—This week: Robinson Crusoe Girls, "Girls on Happy Highway" next.

ST. PAUL, MINN.—Metropolitan Opera House (L. N. Scott, mgr.)—Fritzi Scheff, the L. S. A. 24-29.

WALDMAN'S (Lee Ottoline, mgr.)—Moving pictures, Illustrated songs and variety.

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MRS. BARROWS, who died recently, and whose death was noted in THE CLIPPER, was the widow of Samuel Barrows, a non-professional. She left four children—Mrs. Al. Tanner (wife of the vaudeville agent), and Josie, Willie and Veola Barrows.

LILLIAN R. DREW, of the Clayton-Drew Players, writes: "I underwent an operation last August, the account of which we had in the Merry Maiden Co. We were engaged with it. I have now entirely recovered from the same, and we have resumed our vaudeville work again. We are booked to open in Milwaukee, Wis., with other work to follow."

BESSIE DENHAM informs us that Al. M. Frothingham, of the team of Frothingham and Denham, is lying dangerously ill of blood poisoning in the City Hospital, at Boston, Mass.

JOHN D. LONG, "The Real Country Kid," writes: "I have retired from the profession, and have accepted a position as clerk in the Wausau, R. R. office at Hagerstown, Md. I desire to thank managers and agents for all past favors. I will continue to read THE OLD RELIABLE, and will be pleased to meet professional friends at any time in Hagerstown. Accept my thanks for the many favors THE OLD RELIABLE has done for me."

A COMMUNICATION signed "Miss Walker," dated Chicago, Jan. 6, informs us that Edith La Velle, cyclist, is ill in Chicago. Miss La Velle has been a member of the Bader-La Velle Troupe of Cyclists for years. She was taken ill in Omaha while on the Orpheum circuit last season, and has never fully recovered.

ELIAN LESLIE, who has been working with her husband, Geo. F. Carroll, for the last three years under the name of Carroll and Leslie, will appear as Elian and Elian Leslie (her former name), and the team will be known as Carroll and Leslie, in their up-to-date singing and talking comedy act entitled "McNulty and the Talkative Lady."

PIERRE DAVENTPORT, comedian, and W. H. Buhl, manager of the Lyric Theatre, Butler, Pa., were quietly married in Pittsburg, Pa., on Nov. 1. Miss Davyport will continue to play dates, as she is booked solid until April, 1910. She will then make her home in Butler until Mr. Buhl takes his own company on the road about the middle of September.

CURTIS VANCE, of Lafayette, Ind., who has been playing vaudeville with Florence Land, was married to that young lady at Monroe, Wis., Dec. 30. The attendants were J. T. Needham, manager of the Crystal Theatre, and Sadie Smith, pianist of the same theatre, where the happy couple had just concluded a week's engagement. The ceremony was followed by an elaborate supper, which was enjoyed by the entire theatre folk.

J. ALDRICH LIBBY and KATHRYN TRAYTER were credited with hits in Lynn and Brockton, Mass. The Brockton Times of Jan. 13 published a column interview with Mr. Libby.

HARRY SQUIRES DAY sailed for England Jan. 16.

FRED A. HODGSON recently went to Havana, Cuba, to attend the opening of the Payret Theatre, in place of Fred Zobedie. Reports by cable have it that the opening show was a "riot."

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Mrs. EMMA ELLWOOD, wife of Billy Ellwood (Philadelphia Press cartoonist), mourns the death of her mother (Mrs. Sarah Dryer), who died Jan. 5 at their Summer home in Ellwoodport, Pa.

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 Ring, Blanche (Lew Fields, mgr.)—Louisville, Ky., 19. Cincinnati 20. Indianapolis 21. Indianapolis 22. Indianapolis 23. Indianapolis 24. Indianapolis 25. Indianapolis 26. Indianapolis 27. Indianapolis 28. Indianapolis 29.
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 Robert, Florence (The Shuberts, mgrs.)—Portland, Ore., 17-22. Seattle, Wash., 23-29.
 Robson, May (L. S. Sibley, mgr.)—N. Y. City 17-22. Chicago, Ill., 24-25.
 Ross, The (E. D. Starr, mgr.)—Paterson, N. J., 17-19.
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 "Man of the Hour," Western, Brady & Grimes'—Boston, Mass., 17. indefinite.
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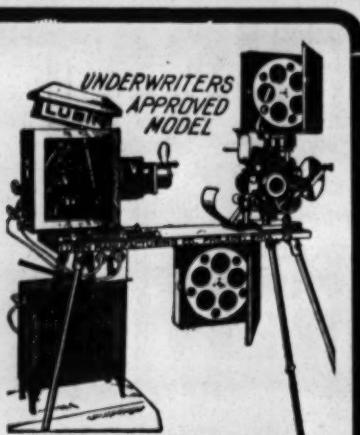
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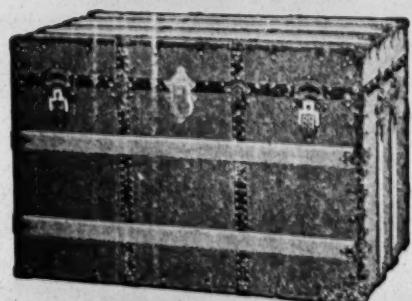
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